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THE LENS OF ALUMNA  
LINDA PANETTA'S  
LIFE AND WORK.

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Alumni Weekend 2010



Risa Vetri Ferman



Cabrini Classic

## December 2 – January 18

### Through the Lens: Student Work from Fine Arts Photography

Grace and Joseph Gorevin Fine Arts Gallery, 2nd Floor, Holy Spirit Library  
Works by Cabrini College students in the Fine Arts Photography class.  
Admission is free. Information: [www.cabrini.edu/fineartscalendar](http://www.cabrini.edu/fineartscalendar) or call 610-902-8381.

## March 9

### Leader Lecture Series—A Town Hall Meeting:

#### “Breaking the Glass Ceiling in Law Enforcement Leadership”

6:30 p.m., Grace Hall Boardroom

Eileen Behr, Chief of Police, Whitmarsh Township, Pennsylvania  
Maureen Rush, Vice President for Public Safety, University of Pennsylvania  
Admission is free, but registration is requested: [www.cabrini.edu/gps](http://www.cabrini.edu/gps) or call 610-902-8500. *Sponsored by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.*

## April 12

### Leader Lecture Series—“Principles of Justice for Children”

Risa Vetri Ferman, District Attorney, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania  
6:30 p.m., Mansion

Admission is free, but registration is requested: [www.cabrini.edu/gps](http://www.cabrini.edu/gps) or call 610-902-8500. *Sponsored by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.*

## Graduate Programs Open Houses

December 9, February 1, March 2, April 7  
6 p.m., Grace Hall

Cabrini offers a Master of Education, a Master of Science in Organization Leadership, and several teacher certifications.

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## May 23

### 22nd Annual Cabrini Classic Honoring Edith Robb Dixon HON'80

Waynesborough Country Club – Paoli, Pa.

## June 4-5

### Alumni Weekend

Classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006 celebrate milestone reunions. More details to follow.

*Events subject to change. To verify information and see other campus activities, visit: [www.cabrini.edu/calendar](http://www.cabrini.edu/calendar)*

## UNDERGRADUATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

January 22, February 12, February 21, March 19, May 14  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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**On the cover:** Linda Panetta '88 travels to Magdalena Medio, Colombia.

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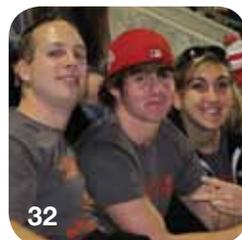


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Alumna Linda Panetta '88 graduated with the goal of uncovering the truth about victims of war, poverty and injustice. Today, the world-traveling journalist uses photography and outreach to raise awareness of human rights.

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Thank you to Rob Maloof, parent of first-year student Robby, for sending pictures he took during a campus visit in winter and on move-in day in August.



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# Message from the President

“Outcomes” may be one of the most overused and least understood words in higher education...but it is also one of the most important. There are many ways to define “outcomes” in higher education, but the one I like best is that an outcome demonstrates that we are delivering on our promise.

Cabrini College promises that we will provide a transformational learning experience that provides the means for students to become engaged citizens of the world, to place service before self, to “do something extraordinary.”

Learning permeates all that we do at the College. We regularly use proprietary and national tools to measure and assess students’ learning and outcomes realized through their majors and our core curriculum, *Justice Matters*, in such areas as teamwork, writing, problem solving, and leadership skills. Now, we have a magnificent opportunity to assess some of the major outcomes at the core of our promise.

Cabrini is one of just 30 colleges from around the nation accepted into the prestigious Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education. Over the next three years, we will construct an assessment portfolio that consolidates evidence about the student learning experience. At Cabrini, we will use the study to concentrate on critical thinking, writing, and social justice learning outcomes—all key aspects of the *Justice Matters* curriculum. Faculty, under the leadership of Interim Dean for Academic Affairs Jeffrey Gingerich, Ph.D., will work with Wabash scholars, who will conduct a site visit to Cabrini in Spring 2011.

Readers of *Cabrini Magazine* regularly see evidence of the outcomes of a Cabrini education. And this issue of the magazine is no exception.

The cover story is about photographer and human rights activist Linda Panetta '88, who shortly after graduating spent five months in Guatemala, the first in what has become for her a lifetime of journeys to places where people are afflicted by war, poverty, and other injustices. Linda now teaches at Cabrini—photography, photojournalism, and “Solidarity in Action” in the *Justice Matters* curriculum.

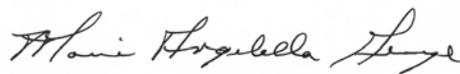
Elsewhere in the magazine, you’ll find a photograph of another Cabrini graduate who is doing something extraordinary—Sr. Patricia Spillane, MSC '64, now the Superior General of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus worldwide.

Also covered in this issue:

- Two alumnae leading a panel on finding a balance between work and personal life at the College’s second annual Women’s Leadership Conference.
- Four Cabrini alumnae continuing a 28-year tradition of volunteering at a West Virginia camp for underserved youngsters.
- Authors from the classes of 1973 and 1989 who have published, respectively, a study on the black social work movement and a novel about a brother’s death.

One final outcome: At the back of this magazine is the 2009-10 Honor Roll of Donors, a list of those who shared their treasure, as well as their talents, with the College in the past year. Through such generous supporters, the College *increased* by 4.4 percent the average institutional financial aid provided to our students. Thank you!

With deep appreciation,



Marie A. George, Ph.D.



## Former Catholic Relief Services Executive Appointed to Planning and Effectiveness Post



Joan Neal, former executive vice president for U.S. Operations at Catholic Relief Services (CRS), joins Cabrini College as vice president of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, a new position at the College. In her role, Neal provides leadership and oversight for key planning, implementation and evaluation processes at both the strategic and operational levels.

Neal served on the College's Board of Trustees for two years; she resigned from the Board to accept the vice president position. Her ability to articulate the College's mission, and her dedication to the Common Good and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching make her an ideal leader for this position.

"Joan's talents, expertise and experience are ideal for this position, which I consider to be vital to ensuring that the College's mission, vision and core values guide all planning, policy and decision-making," said Cabrini President Marie Angelella George.

At CRS—one of Cabrini's global partners—Neal helped the organization expand its awareness of domestic issues, and developed and implemented strategic and operational plans in the areas of outreach, education, engagement and revenue growth. After leaving CRS in 2008, Neal operated Leading Edge Consulting, a multi-disciplinary consultancy specializing in leadership development and strategic planning for non-profit organizations, particularly faith-based institutions. Prior to her time at CRS, Neal served as President of JF Neal & Associates, Inc., associate director of Leadership Greater Chicago, and held a variety of executive management positions for multinational banks.

Neal is a board member of Jesuit Refugee Services in Washington, D.C., and served on the board of Catholic Charities in Baltimore, Md. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Loyola University Chicago, and a master's degree in pastoral studies from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

— Dan DiPrinzio



Left to right: Joan Neal, vice president of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, President Marie Angelella George, Maureen McCullough, regional director of Catholic Relief Services, and Irene Horstmann Hannan, senior vice president at Citizen's Bank, enjoy a reception at Cabrini.

## Faculty Members Deepen Understanding of Social Justice at Program with Leading Catholic Organizations

In August 2010, 22 faculty members immersed themselves in the principles of the College's mission and global issues of social justice during a two-day educational development program in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Three organizations noted for leadership on issues of peace and justice—Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Network, and the Center of Concern—assisted faculty in teaching and research within the College's core curriculum, *Justice Matters*.

Cabrini faculty worked with CRS staff members to discuss peace building, integral human development, and other humanitarian issues; met with Sister Simone Campbell, executive director of the Catholic social justice lobby Network, to discuss the importance of research into public policy, leading to advocacy for systemic change (a key element of *Justice Matters*); and visited the Center of Concern in Washington to receive updates on some of the Center's focuses of research, such as the global women's project and economic justice.

The goal was to allow Cabrini faculty to ground their courses even more effectively in Catholic Social Teaching, the rich body of thinking about challenging social issues such as economic justice, the environment, peace, disarmament, and the dignity of the human person. The development program was one of the initial events of the President's Initiative for Mission Integration (PIMI), a two-year initiative to promote dialogue, reflection, learning, and action within the framework of the College's Catholic tradition and Catholic social teaching. The PIMI is led by Interim Dean for Academic Affairs Jeffrey Gingerich, Ph.D.; Communication Department Chair Jerry Zurek, Ph.D.; and Assistant Library Director Anne Schwelm.

— D.D.

## Former Dougherty High School President Named Director of Campus Ministry

Father Carl Janicki, former president of Philadelphia's Cardinal Dougherty High School, has been named Cabrini College's Director of Campus Ministry. In this new position, Fr. Carl will help implement, lead and participate in faith and service programming such as on- and off-campus retreats, Young Adult Ministry, student Peer Ministers, and immersion trips locally, nationally, and internationally. Until a resident Chaplain is appointed, Fr. Carl will offer sacraments, including celebration of the Eucharist, at campus liturgies.

Cardinal Justin Rigali assigned Fr. Carl to Cabrini College following a request from Cabrini President Marie Angelella George.

"I am very grateful to Dr. George and Cardinal Rigali for providing me this opportunity," said Fr. Carl, whose mother, Nancy, and brother, Girvin, graduated from Cabrini in 2001 and 2007, respectively.

Father Carl served for more than 10 years as an adjunct professor in religious studies at Gwynedd-Mercy College and Alvernia and LaSalle universities. He was spiritual director for both the Archdiocese's and Cardinal Dougherty's Appalachia Service weeks, and for the *Los Niños* Experience in Tijuana, Mexico, where participants worked alongside community members to learn about border issues.

— D.D.



*Fr. Carl Janicki addresses first-year students and their families at the 2010 Matriculation Ceremony and Liturgy.*

## ESY Program Provides Life Skills, Academics for Area Students

Last summer, 30 area students ages 6-21 with behavioral, learning and physical disabilities participated in an Extended School Year (ESY) program at Cabrini. The annual program is facilitated by Cabrini's Education faculty, and 11 of the 12 teachers in the program are Cabrini alumni.

**Dylan Oppen '10** and **Jessica Westbrook '09** taught a course on life skills, focusing on money and menu math, reading comprehension and responsibility.

"It's important for the students in this program to receive year-round instruction," said Oppen. "We have a great team environment, and the personalized instruction we are able to provide helps them succeed in life on a daily basis."

Former Cabrini Education faculty member Philip Matilsky, Ed.D., created the ESY program in 2004. Cabrini hosted the program for the first time this year.

"This program is so important on so many different levels," said **Colleen Lelli, Ed.D. '95**, who heads the program. "It helps Cabrini alumni and students work with students with special needs. It reflects our mission of providing an 'education of the heart' and working toward the common good. This program is unique because it is a full day; many ESY programs are half-day."

The ESY Program has expanded to include on-campus physical, occupational, speech and reading therapists. Administrators plan to include an autistic support class in future programs.

— D.D.



Left to right: Unity Mission Church Bible Institute, 16th and Oxford Streets, Philadelphia, late 1940s; Father Divine delivering a sermon, Peace Center Nazareth Mission Church, 128th Street, New York, circa 1952.

## Father Divine Project Selected for National Humanities Workshop

Leonard Norman Primiano, Ph.D.'s Father Divine Project, an authoritative multimedia study of an American religious movement, was recognized when he was among 12 educators selected to participate in a monthlong workshop, "Broadening the Digital Humanities," designed to foster innovative multimedia research.

Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and held at the University of Southern California last summer, the program brought together humanities scholars with cutting-edge designers and technologists in state-of-the-art production facilities. During the workshop, participants examined the relationship of multi-modal media to academic research, publishing and pedagogy.

Father Divine Project ([www.fatherdivineproject.org](http://www.fatherdivineproject.org)) is an online research database and multimedia documentary about the Peace Mission Movement, an international, interracial and celibate religious community founded in 1919 by the African-American minister Reverend M.J. (Father) Divine, who served as spiritual leader from 1907 until his "physical passing" in 1965. Primiano, chair of the Religious Studies Department at Cabrini, undertook

the project with Will Luers, media artist, researcher and visiting professor of Creative Media and Digital Culture Program at Washington State University, Vancouver.

The movement has ties to Philadelphia, where Father Divine settled in 1942. The Peace Mission Movement still owns several properties in the area.

Participants at the workshop included faculty from Brown, Dartmouth and New York Universities, the University of Illinois, the University of Rochester, UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles) and the University of Southern California.

— Dan DiPrinzio



A member of the Peace Mission Movement's International Rosebud Choir (left) enjoys the Holy Communion banquet service with Father and Mother Divine at the Pine Brook Hotel, Pine Brook, N.J., 1950.

## Cabrini Signs Transfer Agreement with Valley Forge

With the stroke of a pen, Cabrini College made it easier for associate degree graduates from Valley Forge Military Academy and College (VFMA&C) to continue their education at Cabrini. On Aug. 20, Cabrini signed a core-to-core transfer agreement with VFMA&C, which according to **Charlie Spencer '00, G'03**, director of transfer admissions at Cabrini, will increase the number of transfer applicants from the military college. Spencer is a graduate of VFMA (1996) and VFMC (1998). Cabrini maintains similar agreements with Delaware and Montgomery county community colleges and Manor College, as well as several area two-year colleges.

*From left: Col. David R. Gray, Ph.D., president of Valley Forge Military Academy & College, Anne Skleder, Ph.D., provost/vice president for academic affairs, and Lt. Col. John Church Jr., president of Valley Forge Military College.*



## Cabrini Celebrates Legacy of Former Professor



Cabrini celebrated the legacy of Reverend Louis P. Giorgi, professor of philosophy and theology at Cabrini from 1957 to 1973, at a reception on Sept. 30 in the Holy Spirit Library. Rev. Giorgi's history with Cabrini dates back to when he encouraged founding president Sr. Ursula Infante and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to purchase Woodcrest Estate in 1953 and form a college. Rev. Giorgi bequeathed 3,802 books to Holy Spirit Library, most of which were added to the library's circulation collection in 1993. Rev. Giorgi passed away in 1992.

*From left: Philosophy Professor Joseph Romano, Ph.D., and Cabrini President Marie Angelella George celebrate Rev. Giorgi's legacy with his sisters, Sue Thomas and Helen Giorgi Loque.*

## Cabrini in the News

**Jerry Zurek, Ph.D.**, chair of the Communication Department, was quoted in a story that appeared on PBS.org on the “pros and cons of social media.”

*The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported that **Casey Grugan '10** was selected in the eighth round of the Major League Lacrosse (MLL) Draft by the Chicago Machine. Grugan, Cabrini's all-time leader in career points, is the first Cavalier in program history to be drafted by an MLL franchise.

*The Southwest Globe Times* featured **Anne Brokenborough '11** on her academic achievements at Cabrini. Anne was profiled in the Winter 2010 issue of *Cabrini Magazine*.

*The Philadelphia Inquirer* named **Theresa Eck** and **Katina Mitses** as Philadelphia School District High School Distinguished Teachers. Eck, who is enrolled in Cabrini's Master of Education program, teaches social science and history at Sayre High School in West Philadelphia. Mitses, a student in the Reading Specialist Certification program, teaches English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at Furness High School in South Philadelphia.

The *South Philly Review* published a feature story on the Mummers audio documentary produced by **Joe Cahill '11**, **Kerri Dougherty '11** and **Gianna Shikitino '11** (see pg. 9).

## MSC Superior General Visits Campus



On Oct. 7, Sr. Patricia Spillane, MSC '64, Superior General of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSCs), visited Cabrini College to speak with students, faculty, and staff about the MSCs' "New Missionary Vision" that was adopted at their 2008 General Chapter, a meeting in Rome every six years at which representatives from all the Cabrini institutions gather to make policy and set the direction of the congregation.

## W.W. Smith Charitable Trust Reception

President Marie Angelella George addressed student recipients of this year's W.W. Smith Scholarship at an Oct. 21 reception in the Mansion. W.W. Smith representatives Michelle Montgomery (scholarship grant administrator) and Louise Havens (medical grant administrator) met with student recipients. This year, 19 Cabrini students received W.W. Smith Scholarships, which ranged in value from \$2,000 to \$2,500. The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust has supported Cabrini students each year since 1979, contributing nearly \$1.2 million.



Pictured are Michelle Montgomery, scholarship grant administrator for the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust (bottom, third from left); President Marie George (bottom, fourth from left); Louise Havens, medical grant administrator for the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust (bottom, fifth from left); and the 2009-10 W.W. Smith Scholarship recipients.



Left to right: Kerri Dougherty '11, Joe Cahill '11 and Gianna Shikitino '11 take advantage of the radio editing lab in the Hamilton Family Communication Center.

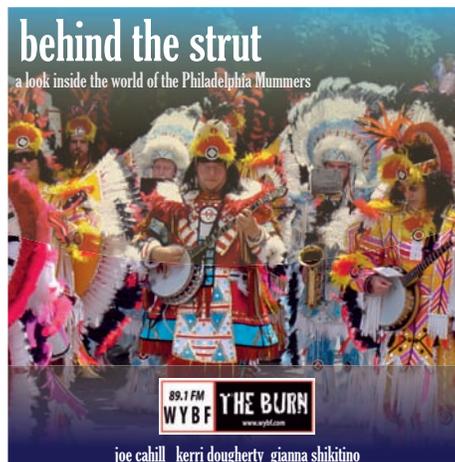
## Mummers Documentary Named Finalist for National Broadcaster Award

South Philadelphia natives **Kerri Dougherty '11** and **Gianna Shikitino '11** can't imagine Philadelphia without the Mummers. The two Cabrini students are lifelong fans, and family members march with the Fancy Brigades and the Comics, respectively. So when the students heard how city budget cuts have threatened the Mummers Parade, they took action.

With Upper Darby native **Joe Cahill '11**, Dougherty and Shikitino produced "Behind the Strut: A Look inside the World of the Philadelphia Mummers." The audio documentary has been named a finalist in the Best Feature category of the 2010 College Broadcasters, Inc. National Student Production Awards.

The trio spent a year on the project, which aired on Cabrini radio station WYBF in May. This is the fourth WYBF project named a finalist for this award. It is available at [www.wybf.podbean.com](http://www.wybf.podbean.com).

"We got behind-the-scenes footage and audio as the Brigades performed their



"Behind the Strut" looks into the world of the Philadelphia Mummers.

routines in the Convention Center," said Cahill. "We hope to edit it into a mini video documentary for the Mummers Association."

The communication majors gained insider access to private practices, rehearsals and activities surrounding the Mummers New Year's Day Parade, which

officially began in Philadelphia in 1901. Interviews shed light on why members of each division work throughout the year raising money, developing intricate choreography, and designing glittering ornate costumes for the opportunity to twirl down Broad Street and in the Convention Center on Jan. 1.

The students want "Behind the Strut" to bring awareness to the importance of the Mummers to the city, which they argue would suffer without the annual parade.

"We wanted to show our audience how important this tradition and culture is," said Dougherty, "and that without financial help, the parade that brings joy to thousands could be terminated."

Other finalists include student projects from the University of Minnesota, Ithaca College, and the University of California, Berkeley.

— Dan DiPrinzio

## Cabrini Earns Grants for Alcohol Education, Initiatives

The College received two grants totaling \$45,000 to promote awareness of healthy behaviors, and to help prevent underage and high-risk alcohol consumption.

A \$30,000 NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) CHOICES Alcohol Education grant will help Cabrini institute programs and activities to identify decisions and behaviors that students make regarding alcohol use, and develop student-athlete leadership to promote healthy choices on a sustained basis. Cabrini's My CHOICES program will assist students in identifying strategies for maintaining healthy behaviors regarding alcohol consumption in college and throughout life.

A Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) grant of \$15,000 to prevent underage and high-risk drinking will be used for campus awareness, assessment surveys, equipment and supplies, and overtime expenses for the College's public safety officers. This is the sixth consecutive year that Cabrini has received funding from the PLCB.

— Dan DiPrinzio

## Grounds Crew Supports Cabrini Fund

Cabrini College Grounds Manager Gus Feudale and members of the grounds crew were featured in a deer repellent advertisement in the October issue of *The Family Handyman* magazine. For their magazine submission, the crew received \$100, which they donated to the Cabrini Fund.



Left to right: Grounds Manager Gus Feudale; Groundskeepers Sean Kelly, Jon Kagle, Matt Duffus; and Groundskeeper-Foreman Andy Beck.

## Cabrini Welcomes the Class of 2014



At the Matriculation Ceremony and Liturgy on Aug. 19, Cabrini officially welcomed members of the class of 2014. Student Government President John Solewin '11 (left) and Vice President Nicole Shovlin '12 (far right) presented the Class of 2014 flag to Amy Cimo '14 (Cabrini High School, New Orleans) and Trevor Cross '14 (Spring-Ford High School, Royersford, Pa.).



Left to right: After her presentation, speaker Deb Takes (seated, right) discussed personal success and mentoring with audience members. Keynote speaker Sara Canuso encouraged audience participation during her talk.

## Women’s Leadership Conference Offers Powerful Lessons for Success

On Oct. 2, Cabrini College’s Grace Hall buzzed with energy and lively conversation during the “Powerful Lessons for Success” conference. More than 140 women, representing 100 companies and organizations including Independence Blue Cross, M.F. Irvine, Home Depot, and Pfizer, attended the free conference, geared toward women in the workplace. The conference, sponsored by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, is in its second year.

Deb Takes, chairman and CEO of First Priority Bank, author, and vice chair of the Cabrini College Board of Trustees, reflected on the “rights and regrets” in her 30-plus year banking career. She shared stories from her work and personal life, and discussed the importance of striking a balance between the two. She also advocated for entrepreneurs, many of whom were in attendance, and even offered to mentor one woman in the audience.

Takes’s rousing account was followed by a panel discussion also stressing the importance of finding equality between a career and personal life. **AnnaMay Abbott ’00, G’04** of Quest

Diagnostics, **Judith Lewis ’08** of Right Attitude Management, and Andrea Mower of HMP Communication Holdings all agreed that balance, compromise, and negotiation are key to the success of women everywhere. They also encouraged each attendee to create her own definition of success.

Keynote speaker Sara Canuso, author of “Discover Your Inner Strength! Cutting Edge Growth Strategies from Industry’s Leading Experts” and president of A Suitable Solution, explained how non-verbal communication such as body language and appearance can empower women to take hold of their own success.

**Lauren Chieffo ’11, Angela Donato ’11** and **Alexandra Rowley ’11** also participated, introducing speakers and assisting during workshops.

Participants broke out into four afternoon workshops before the day concluded with another panel discussion that touched on the themes of Takes’s presentation: mentoring and life coaching.

– Kristen Hampton



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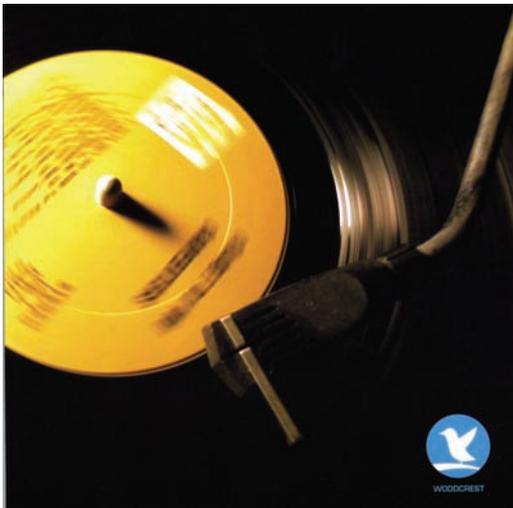
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## Columbia Scholastic Press Honors Student Fiction, Design, Photography



Woodcrest magazine, Spring 2010

*Woodcrest*, Cabrini College's student literary magazine, was awarded 2010 Gold Medal certification by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA). In addition, two recent graduates and a current senior were honored by CSPA for outstanding work in the Spring 2010 issue of the magazine. **Shannon Fandler '11**, **Mary Gunheim '10** and **Anthony Casazza '10** received 2010 Gold Circle Awards for creative writing, design, and photography, respectively.

- English major Fandler was honored in the **Fiction: Humor** category for her story, "I feel differently about my neighbors".
- Gunheim, who graduated in May with a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design, was honored in the **Literary Magazine: Overall Design** and **Page Design: Literary Portfolio** categories.
- Casazza graduated in May with a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design. He was honored in the **Photographs: Black and White or Black and White and One Other Color** category.

Gold Circle Awards are among the highest honors presented by CSPA to students working in print or online media, and are judged by journalists and educators.

"These awards are the result of a three-year revision of both *Woodcrest* and the Department of English creative writing curriculum," said Seth Frechie, Ph.D., chair of the English Department. "CSPA recognition is the highest national recognition awarded to college literary magazines like ours."

– Meghan Murphy '11

## Norristown Lauds Cabrini for Service, Commemorates Partnership



In July 2010, Norristown's Municipal Council presented Cabrini President Marie Angelella George and members of the Wolfington Center a resolution commending the success of the College's partnership with Norristown. The Council lauded Cabrini's "faculty, staff and students for their outstanding contribution to [the Norristown] community," and recognized the College as "an advocate for social justice and change in Norristown and other older, urban communities." Cabrini students have served in Norristown programs in education, non-profit and small business, social services, violence prevention, prisoner re-entry, and cultural activities. This year alone, approximately 600 Cabrini students have contributed roughly 18,000 hours of service to the Norristown community.

*Left to right: Cathy Lawrence, Norristown At-Large Councilwoman; Marlon Millner, At-Large Councilman; Gary Simpson, 4th District Councilman; William Caldwell, Norristown Municipal Council President and 2nd District Councilman; Linda Christian, Norristown Municipal Council Vice President and 3rd District Councilwoman; President Marie George; David Chiles, former director of Cabrini's Wolfington Center; Stephen Eberle, coordinator of community partnerships at Cabrini; Anne Skleder, Ph.D., provost/vice president for academic affairs at Cabrini.*

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# Cabrini Athletics

## New Mascot Costume and Logo Unveiled



With the start of the 2010-11 academic year, Cabrini unveiled a re-designed mascot and mascot logo. The new look for Cabrini's Cavalier was developed from a student-sponsored contest conducted last spring.

The new mascot costume was unveiled Aug. 19, when the Cavalier and the Phillie Phanatic welcomed some 420 first-year and transfer students to Cabrini.

"We have been working with other departments on campus to intensify school spirit among students, faculty, staff and alumni," said Director of Athletics and Recreation Joe Giunta. "We believe that the new Cavalier will generate excitement in the campus community."

Two recent graphic design graduates are behind the re-designed mascot and mascot logo. **Brian Birdsall '10** is credited with developing the concept for the new Cavalier costume and **Anthony Casazza '10** created the new mascot logo.

The Cavalier is a presence at numerous campus events, athletic contests, and in the local community. In addition to Move-In Day for new students, the new Cavalier mascot appeared at the College's Opening Convocation picnic Aug. 25, and also welcomed guests to Cabrini Night at the Phillies Friday, Sept. 17, at Citizens Bank Park.

The new mascot logo complements the Department of Athletics and Recreation's primary logo that was created in 2007.

— Brian Beacham



Cabrini Cavalier at Cabrini Night at the Phillies.



Left to right: The Cabrini Cavalier and Student Government President John Solewin '11 distribute T-shirts at Move-In Day. The Cabrini Cavalier welcomes (from left) Leann Scherer '14, Samantha Shea '14 and Mariah Itchon '14 to Family Weekend.



Former Cabrini basketball players, coaches and friends celebrate John Dzik's induction in the Cabrini College Athletic Hall of Fame.

## Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Honored

John Dzik patrolled the sidelines for the Cabrini men's basketball program for 25 seasons, beginning with the 1980-81 campaign. Dzik guided the Cavaliers to 483 victories, 16 conference championships and 11 appearances in national postseason tournaments. On Friday, Sept. 24, his accomplishments earned him induction into the Cabrini Athletic Hall of Fame.

"My whole life is made of people in this room," Dzik said during his induction speech. "The memories and relationships that I have are what make up my life. You have given me much more than I have given you. All I wanted to do is coach."

Nearly 200 people were on-hand in Nerney Field House for Dzik's enshrinement. Director of Athletics and Recreation Joe Giunta emceed the event. Cabrini faculty member for more than 50 years Dr. Joseph Romano, former men's basketball player **Michael Bennett '82**, former assistant coaches Joe Kelly and Mike Keeley, and Dzik's son Mike each addressed the gathering.



John Dzik

In addition to his time as men's basketball coach, Dzik also served the College as athletic director for 23 years. He is the 23rd honoree inducted into the Cabrini Athletic Hall of Fame, and the lone member of the 2010 class.

— B.B.



Michael Bennett '82 (right) and his son Noah with John McQueen '85, member of the Cabrini Athletic Hall of Fame's Class of 2009.



In 1984, Linda Panetta started her Cabrini education with only the vaguest of ideas of what she wanted to do with her life. Four years later, she graduated with the goal of uncovering the truth about victims of war, poverty, and injustice throughout the world. Today, as a world-traveling photojournalist and human rights activist, she continues to pursue that goal. Here, three of her photographs and the stories behind them offer a lens into her life and work.

by Richard Bader

## Three Pictures



### 1. The Amputee

On a mantel in the rambling West Philadelphia home of photographer and human rights activist Linda Panetta '88 is a picture she took during a visit to Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2002, months after the initial bombing strikes that marked the beginning of the U.S.-led war in that country. The man in the picture is sitting on a hospital bench, his beige turban and white robes contrasting with his black vest, long black beard, and piercing black eyes.

As with all of Panetta's photos, there's a story behind this one. She was at the Kabul hospital with family members of victims of the N.Y. 9/11 attacks; they had traveled to Afghanistan to promote peace. Panetta was taking pictures of patients injured in

the early weeks of the war. From across the room, the man caught her eye. Ever so slowly he lifted his left pants leg, above the dusty work boot, above the rumpled sock, to reveal his new prosthetic leg. Panetta raised her camera slightly, asking him with that gesture if she could take his picture, and just as slightly, he nodded his assent, never taking his eyes off hers.

Though not a word was spoken between them, something important was communicated. "He seemed to be saying, 'you can take away my leg,'" Panetta says, "but you can't take away my dignity."

Conveying the dignity of people throughout the world as they live their lives in some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable is Panetta's work and life. It wasn't always that way.

In the fall of 1984 Panetta arrived for her freshman year at Cabrini not knowing what she wanted to do in life, more focused on having fun than getting an education. With a vague intent of someday "climbing the corporate ladder," she decided to major in accounting.

Freshman year ended unremarkably. Then in early June, Panetta, two of her four siblings, and her parents were vacationing at a family house on the New Jersey shore. She and her father were playing volleyball on the beach when he had a massive heart attack. He died in her arms.

"That has a way of making you re-evaluate life a whole lot," she says.

Panetta considered dropping out of college, but returned to Cabrini, and in fall of her junior year she was sitting in a



religion class taught by Maggie McGuinness, Ph.D. McGuinness, now chair of the religion department at LaSalle University, put on a video called “Roses in December,” a documentary about Jean Donovan, a lay Catholic missionary who, along with three nuns, was brutally raped and murdered in 1980 in El Salvador by members of the Salvadoran National Guard. One scene in the movie—where the women’s bodies are exhumed from the crude grave in which they were buried—carried extra weight.

“Seeing those images was a little bit too much at the time,” Panetta says. “It was just too close to [my father’s death]. I had to figure out how to process that.”

Panetta had been making regular trips from the Cabrini campus in Radnor to her home in Medford, N.J., to spend time with her mother. The route she drove took her through Philadelphia, and one night she got lost in Center City. A homeless man was lying on a park bench, and she called to him to see if he wanted a

sandwich she had with her. A tall chain-link fence stood between them and helped a nervous Panetta feel safe.

“I hear this whisper in my ear of my mom saying ‘Don’t talk to strangers,’” she says. “But I also knew it was the right thing to do.”

She hadn’t noticed a large cut in the fence, and as she was trying to figure out how to get the sandwich to the man, suddenly this 19-year-old South Jersey girl found herself standing in the urban darkness next to a tall, imposing stranger she’d roused from a park bench. His name was Donald.

She sat there with him while he ate the sandwich and told her his story. He had a college education, a wife, and children. A fire had destroyed his uninsured house and that put him on the streets. “What I knew about the homeless was alcoholics, drug addicts, stay away from them, bad news,” says Panetta. “This is the first time someone shared their personal story with me.”

She continued making trips into the city to give food to homeless people and listen to their stories. She invited other students to join her, and several took her up on the offer.

“When I see poor people, I see a category,” says Cabrini Communication Chair Jerry Zurek, Ph.D., who has known Panetta since she was a student. “Linda sees actual human beings, and she’s able to connect with them.”

Going into the streets became a kind of ministry for Panetta, who was raised Catholic and once considered becoming a nun. “When your father dies in your arms like that, you have a chasm with your faith,” she says. “It was a challenging time for me, understanding this God who could take my father away like that. It was through outreach to the homeless that I began developing a very different and very grounded faith-based experience. To this day it’s the basis of everything I do.”

“Linda sees actual human beings,  
and she’s able to connect with them.”  
– Jerry Zurek, Ph.D.

## 2. The Survivor

In the photograph, the woman stands in a neatly pressed white blouse and a dark pleated skirt, head tilted to the right, lips slightly pursed, arms folded in front of her. Her posture suggests a certain distance, but it’s the eyes that rivet you, holding some mixture of wisdom, curiosity, and wariness. She too has a story to tell, and it’s horrifying.

Late in the afternoon of December 10, 1981, a battalion of government military forces entered the village of El Mozote in eastern El Salvador. The streets were deserted; the villagers and *campesinos* from the surrounding region all were inside the houses.

El Salvador in the early 1980s was one of several Latin American stages on which Cold War conflicts were being played out. Fears about the spread of Communism in the region became the justification for U.S. support of efforts by the Salvadoran government to defeat a guerilla insurgency. Although there is no clear evidence that El Mozote harbored guerillas or was a town of guerilla sympathizers, the line between peasant and guerilla could get blurred in the minds of the military.

The troops ordered the villagers into the street, made them lie face down in the dirt, and pressed them for information about the guerillas. That night they were allowed to return to their houses. The next day the villagers were again forced

into the street. Men and older boys were herded into a small church, and women and children were put in two crowded houses. Then the killing began—first the men, then the women, then the children. All were “deliberately and systematically executed,” says a 1993 U.N. Truth Commission report. Accounts vary, but somewhere between several hundred and a thousand people in and around El Mozote were massacred that day.

The woman in the picture is Rufina Amaya, one of very few who survived the massacre. Described in a 1993 *New Yorker* article as “the most eloquent witness of what happened at El Mozote,” Rufina survived by hiding behind a tree when soldiers guarding her became distracted. →

She watched as her husband was killed, then listened to her nine-year-old son cry out to her for help as he and his sisters—ages five years, three years, and eight months—also were killed.

Panetta took this picture on a trip to El Salvador four or five years ago, though she had known Rufina for many years before that. Indeed, the courage Rufina displayed in speaking out about El Mozote despite threats against her life has inspired Panetta throughout her career.

At Cabrini, Panetta changed her major to marketing, took courses in psychology and sociology, and kept working for causes she believed in. There were a lot of them. In addition to her work with the homeless, she became involved with projects to help abused women, veterans, the mentally ill, and people in prison.

She is grateful to many at Cabrini who supported her efforts, including philosophy professor Joseph Romano, Ph.D., and Beverly Reilly, Ed.D., in campus ministry (now Beverly Bryde, chair of the College's Department of Education), and even Mother Ursula Infante, Cabrini's founding president, who Panetta says was a "huge inspiration" for her. And then there was Albert.

Albert ran the bookstore, and in the late spring of 1987 he kept the TV there tuned to live government hearings on the Iran-Contra affair, a convoluted operation that involved U.S. arms sales to Iran, the proceeds from which were used to support the Nicaraguan Contras in their effort to overthrow that country's government. "That's when I really began to understand what was going on in Central America," Panetta says. "It had a huge impact."

She started going to the Philadelphia house that served as headquarters for Maryknoll, a Catholic missionary order that was heavily involved in Latin American human rights issues. (Two of the nuns murdered in the 1980 attack in El Salvador were Maryknoll Missionary Sisters.) She listened to stories the missionaries brought back with them from

Central America, and decided she wanted to go there.

Panetta learned about a program run by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart that sent college graduates to Cabrini missions around the globe. She wanted to go to Nicaragua after her senior year, but was told it was too dangerous. Guatemala was suggested instead.

Guatemala in the late 1980s was mired in a decades-long civil war. As in El Salvador, the military had been responsible for massive human rights violations, including the massacre of Indian villagers and civilians. Panetta spent five months in Guatemala doing outreach to the poor and trying to absorb and understand.

protesting a school there that trained Latin American soldiers and government officials. It was called the School of the Americas (SOA). Many of those responsible for El Mozote, for the murder of the four American churchwomen, and for other Latin American human rights abuses were graduates of the school.

"I realized that it was the focal point of so much of the suffering and the bloodshed that I had learned about," Panetta says.

Those arrested at Fort Benning were supporters of SOA Watch, an organization dedicated to closing the school. Panetta embraced their cause, quit her job with the engineering firm, and started working

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“Linda doesn’t just photograph faces. Linda somehow reaches into souls.”  
— Bishop Thomas Gumbleton

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After returning to the U.S., she considered career options. She began spending more time at Maryknoll and eventually took a job there. Other jobs followed—she worked at a wildlife refuge, taught skiing in Vermont. In the mid-1990s she went back to school, earning another bachelor's degree, this one in environmental science from Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Then she got a job with an engineering firm to pay off her school loans.

One winter evening at a Christmas party at Maryknoll she listened to a conversation about people who had been arrested at Fort Benning, Ga., for

to inform Congress about the SOA. She later produced a documentary called "An Insider Speaks Out," in which a former SOA instructor talks about the school's purpose and activities, including the education of "known human rights abusers" from Latin America.

A congressional vote in 2000 to close the school narrowly fell short. The SOA did in fact close in December 2000, but was replaced a month later by the new Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, or WHINSEC. SOA Watch maintains that that WHINSEC is simply the SOA with a new name, and remains active in efforts to close it. →

Rufina Amaya





### 3. The Widow

Three Iraqi women sit cross-legged on a thin rug in black robes, two in black headscarves and the one in the middle with a black veil covering her face. A palpable sadness marks the faces of the women on the left and right. The woman in the middle holds a picture in her lap, of three men standing next to a truck. One of the men in the picture is her husband, who was killed by a missile during the early stages of war in 2003. Her veil is a veil of mourning.

Several years after that Christmas party at Maryknoll, Panetta accompanied a human rights delegation to Colombia,

South America, to get a firsthand look at a project called Plan Colombia, a Colombian effort supported by the U.S. and other countries that was aimed at eliminating drug trafficking and promoting social and economic development, in part by giving farmers an alternative to growing drug crops.

They traveled into a remote region in the southern part of the country where a complex conflict was playing out involving the government, indigenous populations, and groups involved in the drug trade. One member of the delegation was Catholic Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, a longtime advocate for peace in the developing world who Panetta met at a human rights event years earlier. Bishop

Gumbleton says that in Colombia they were witnesses to the latest phase of a centuries-old struggle over land rights, with the government working to force out the indigenous people. Whole forests were being clear-cut. Clouds of crop-destroying herbicides drifted down around them.

Panetta took a camera with her. When she returned to the U.S., she built a website, uploaded the photos she had taken, and to her surprise, organizations from around the world wanted to use them. Linda Panetta, human rights activist, had become Linda Panetta, *photojournalist* and human rights activist.

You can find Panetta's photographs on the website of Optical Realities ([www.opticalrealities.org](http://www.opticalrealities.org)), a nonprofit organi-

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— Bruce Cockburn

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zation she founded that uses photography and outreach to raise awareness of human rights and other global issues. Proceeds from the sale of photos support the organization’s work.

There are thousands of pictures from more than a dozen countries in the Middle East, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Iraq and Afghanistan. The vast majority are of people whose lives have been shaped by war, famine, and atrocity. In most, they look straight at the camera.

“You look at the eyes [of her subjects] and they’re all so engaged,” says Bishop Gumbleton. “There’s an interaction going on. Linda doesn’t just photograph faces. Linda somehow reaches into souls.”

It’s appropriate that someone whose medium (photography) involves making judgments about light and dark would herself be a study in contrasts. There is the conflict-hardened activist who for two decades has thrust herself into international hot spots, been the center of controversy and the target of hate mail, gone toe to toe with military officials, and once talked her way through armed guards into the camp of a Haitian gang leader in the middle of a coup so she could hear his side of the story. (He later tried to get her phone number so he could ask her out.)

You would be excused for expecting brashness and swagger, but in person Panetta is open, inviting, humble. She

draws you in with a quick smile and intense dark-brown eyes that never leave yours as she talks. She is disarming when she tells you the story of meeting the gang leader, but then quickly worries about what her mother will think if she sees that story in print. She laughs easily and often. It doesn’t take long to understand the success of her photography—it’s not the camera lens people gravitate to, it’s Panetta herself.

Bishop Gumbleton tells a story of a trip with Panetta to Iraq, where during a break in an especially intense meeting with government officials, she went outside and joined a pickup volleyball game with a group of teenage boys. The concept—an American, a woman, playing games with Iraqi boys—shattered preconceptions and convention, and helped break the tension surrounding the meeting.

“Courageous and dedicated,” says musician Bruce Cockburn when asked to describe Panetta. Cockburn met Panetta years ago when she waited for him after one of his concerts to ask if she could use one of his songs in the video she was making about the SOA. Since then the two have become close friends. “She’s single-minded in pursuit of her goal of making the world better. And she’s one of the bravest people I know.”

In 1999 Cabrini gave Panetta the Cabrini Partnership Award in recognition

of her work for human rights. Last spring, she became a faculty member, teaching courses on photography and photojournalism. This fall she added a third course, called Solidarity in Action, part of the new *Justice Matters* core curriculum.

It’s tempting to look at Panetta’s teaching as a kind of passing of the torch, an effort to prepare other young and impassioned Cabrini students to follow the trail she has blazed. But there is little evidence that her own pace is slowing. She travels the world showing her photos and telling the stories of the people in them. She directs the Jean Donovan Community Peace Center and SOA Watch Northeast, both of which she founded. She works with survivors of torture. She’s involved with issues of poverty and homelessness in Philadelphia. She’s raising funds to build a playground in the West Bank city of Bethlehem. She’s planning a trip to Vietnam.

The war in Afghanistan is in its tenth year. The U.S. has withdrawn combat troops from Iraq, but leaves behind a shaky government and the likelihood of ongoing violence and instability. Conflicts continue throughout Latin America. Under the circumstances, you could excuse Panetta for becoming cynical.

She says that’s not an option. “How does being cynical help? We live such privileged lives. These are victims of violence and survivors of torture. Their homes are being burned to the ground. Their families are being torn apart. They don’t lose hope. What right do we have to give up hope?”

The widow motioned to a spot beside her on the floor. “Please sit here,” she said. “I know some of you are Christians and Jews and Hindus. I am Muslim. I have no hatred or animosity for those who killed my husband. In my belief, we are all one under God. Please share my story.”

*Richard Bader is a writer and communications consultant in Baltimore. He is a frequent contributor to Cabrini Magazine. His last cover story was about domestic violence.*

## Message from the Alumni Board President



Dear Fellow Alumni:

The fall 2010 semester brings new members to the Alumni Board. Although we have some new faces on the Board, our goal remains the same: to bring the Cabrini experience to you, and to encourage you to return to Cabrini and partake in events and networking opportunities.

This year, we are pleased to announce the creation of Regional Clubs. We are forming volunteer groups to plan events in areas highly populated with alumni. Clubs have formed in New York and Lancaster, and we hope to strengthen and expand those efforts. Another focus is graduate alumni. A subcommittee of the Board, chaired by **Kathy Murtagh G'07**, has been developed to focus on graduate studies alumni outreach.

If you haven't checked out Cabrini's redesigned website and alumni community, now is the time! Working with alumni advisors, staff in the Alumni Office and Marketing and Communications expanded the College's website and made it easy to use. Visit [www.cabrini.edu/alumni](http://www.cabrini.edu/alumni) to explore the benefits of being an Alumni Association member (of which all alumni are a part), search volunteer opportunities close to home and on campus, and learn how to give back to the College. You'll also see the newly unveiled Cabrini Commons, a social networking hub for alumni. I encourage you to update your information, especially your e-mail, on the website to stay current on all things Cabrini, including alumni events. Don't miss out!

While on Cabrini Commons, be sure to join the Cabrini College Alumni fan page on Facebook for the latest updates and the Cabrini College LinkedIn group for professional networking opportunities. You can find links to all of these sites, including Cabrini's videos on YouTube and photo galleries on Flickr, by visiting Cabrini Commons.

Please email your ideas to the Alumni Board at [alumni@cabrini.edu](mailto:alumni@cabrini.edu). I look forward to sharing an exciting year with you.

Kathy Reardon Everett '68  
Alumni Board President

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## Upcoming Cabrini Alumni Events

**Jan. 18**

**Alumni/Student Speed  
Networking event (seniors only)**

**Feb. 12**

**Alumni Basketball Game and  
Reception**

**March 10**

**Alumni/Student Speed Networking  
(underclassmen only)**

**March 17**

**Alumni Beer and Wine Tasting**

**March 26**

**Third Annual Team Trivia Night**

**More information will be available  
at [www.cabrini.edu/alumni](http://www.cabrini.edu/alumni)**

## Cabrini Alumna's Rider and Horse Help US Finish Fourth at World Equestrian Games

The team of rider Todd Flettrich and Otto, a horse owned by **Margaret Hamilton Duprey '73, HON'08** and Cherry Knoll Farm, Inc., helped the U.S. Dressage Team secure a fourth-place finish in the Team Grand Prix competition at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Ky.

Flettrich and Otto, a 14-year-old Danish gelding, were first representing the U.S. on the first day of competition (Sept. 27); the duo “set a strong start for the U.S. Dressage Team,” according to Jennifer Wood of the United States Equestrian Foundation. The U.S. team finished fourth out of 14 competing countries.

The purpose of Dressage, also known as horse ballet, is to develop a horse's natural athletic ability and willingness to work, making him calm, supple and attentive to his rider. The sport is one of fluid, graceful movements, and dates back as far as 800 B.C.

Hamilton Duprey is herself a Grand Prix, or top, level Dressage rider. She serves on the Board of the United States Equestrian Team Foundation in Gladstone, N.J., and on the Laminitis Committee at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine.

– Kristen Hampton

*Todd Flettrich rides Otto at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.*



## Camp Kismet: The Tradition Continues

Since 1982, Cabrini's Alumni Association has engaged volunteer counselors at Camp Kismet, a weeklong summer camp for underserved children, ages 5 to 12, in Fayetteville, W.Va. On July 4, 2010, Cabrini alumni and students left campus with 400 pounds of donations from the Cabrini community, including clothing, shoes and towels. More than 125 campers participated in rock wall climbing, swimming, whitewater rafting, music, arts, crafts and a book drive. The Cabrini College Alumni Association sponsors the service trip, and there is no cost for volunteers to participate. For information about the 2011 service trip, email [alumni@cabrini.edu](mailto:alumni@cabrini.edu).

*Cabrini alumni (left to right) Rachel Angeloni '01, Jessica Jaxel '09, Lauren Bariglio '12, Hollie Havens '98 and volunteer Sarah Bariglio served as counselors at Camp Kismet in July.*



# Class NOTES

Save the Date  
Alumni Weekend  
June 4-5, 2011

## 1961

50th Reunion  
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend 2011

**Arleen Schlamp '61** married Bernard Montell Harvey on June 19, 2010, in Newport Beach, Calif. The couple is pictured with Arleen's son, Leo. Arleen lost her husband, Leo D. Lynne Sr., in 2008, and Bernie was widowed in 2009. The couple honeymooned aboard their yacht, "Hypnautic." **PICTURED BELOW**



## 1966

45th Reunion  
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend 2011



Class of 1966 alumnae prepare for their milestone reunion in June. Back row: **Roseanne Bimbo Fittipaldi '66, Joan Buzzallino '66, Betty Lucas Haarsgaard '66, Mary Lou DeBarbieri Belforti '66.** Middle row: **Michele Martuscello Hug '66, Ann Marie Parisi Riggio '66, Ronnie Lindhardt Hlatky '66.** Front row: **Betty Ann McGovern McCarthy '66, Mary Falotico Baliotti '66.** **PICTURED LEFT**



## 1970

**Dotsie Mellon Robinson '70** hosted members of the Class of 1970 at her home in Media, Pa., last summer. Standing, from left: **Eileen O'Shea Cameron '70, Linda Fernandez Cennamo '70, Mary Cavanaugh Mingus '70, Joan Radano Federico '70, Mary Ann Sesso Santangelo '70, Florence Ruggiano '70, Dotsie Mellon Robinson '70, Maria Lucia Edwards '70** and **Renee Devine Tracey '70.** Seated, from left: **Marie Vaccarelli '70, Regina DePaolis '70** and **Maureen Murphy King '70.** **PICTURED ABOVE**

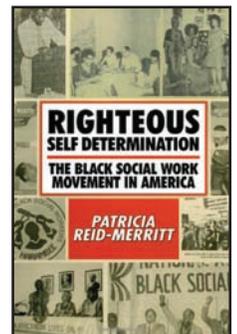
**Carol Ann Lucas '70** retired after 30 years as a secondary English teacher and principal. She lives on the Chesapeake Bay.

## 1971

40th Reunion  
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend 2011

## 1973

**Patricia Reid-Merritt, D.S.W. '73** wrote "Righteous Self-Determination: The Black Social Work Movement in America," which tells the story of the National Black Social Workers. Patricia describes the book as a dynamic read that enlightens and encourages readers to understand the people and challenges of an organization that endured the turbulent '60s and the hopes of the new millennium. It is available on amazon.com. **PICTURED RIGHT**



## 1974

**Terry Cavanaugh '74**, chair of the Cabrini Board of Trustees, was elected president of the New York chapter of the Health Care Public Relations and Marketing Society.

# 1976

**35th Reunion**  
**Celebrate at Alumni Weekend 2011**

# 1978

**Madeleine Bither '78** lost her husband, Steven, to cancer on July 17, 2009. She is a special education teacher in the Cranford, N.J., public school system. Her daughter, Katherine, completed a year with Teach For America in June 2010 and now teaches sixth grade at a public school in Philadelphia. Madeline's oldest son, Patrick, works for the National Hockey League in New York, and her youngest son, Michael, is a junior at Rutgers Business School.

# 1981

**30th Reunion**  
**Celebrate at Alumni Weekend 2011**

# 1985

**Denise Travis Coughlin '85** earned a Ph.D. in human services from Capella University and has been promoted to professor of sociology at Clinton Community College in Plattsburgh, N.Y. Coughlin is chairperson of Clinton's Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. She also is an active member of the National Council on Family Relations. She and her husband, Michael, live in the Adirondacks with their son Ross, 12, and daughter Rachel, 9.

# 1986

**25th Reunion**  
**Celebrate at Alumni Weekend 2011**

**Barbara Mongelli Hanes '86** earned a Ph.D. from Neumann University and was appointed assistant professor of education at Neumann.

# 1989

**Marian Armstrong '89** authored the book "Musings of a Mystery Sibling." The novel tells the story of Ellen Bannister, an editor with a lackluster life, and how she struggles for years with the death of her charismatic brother. Entrenched in her quiet ways, Ellen receives a letter from a farmer in upstate New York, which provides an opportunity to test her brother's theories on life. The book is available on amazon.com. **PICTURED RIGHT**



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# 1991

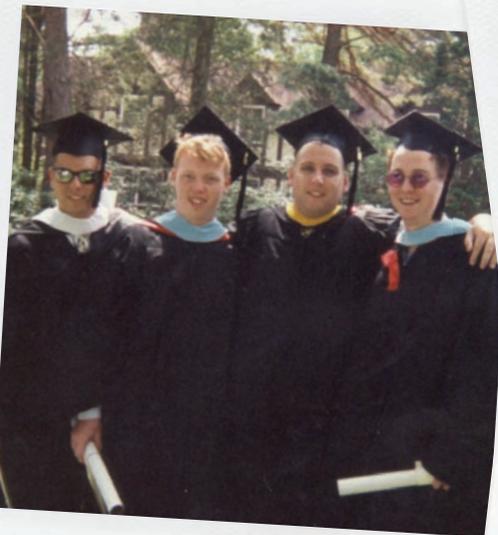
**20th Reunion**  
**Celebrate at Alumni Weekend 2011**

# 1993

**Tito Cantafio '93** and **Cheryl Croce '94** are engaged to marry in November 2010. They met at Cabrini in the fall of 1990, but lost touch with each other. Nineteen years later, they reconnected and on Dec. 13, 2009, Tito proposed to Cheryl. Engagement photos were taken on campus. **PICTURED BELOW**



# A Life Well-Lived



Frank Petrane, Sam, Mark Hodlofski and Ray at Commencement in 1995.



Maura McMullen Ewing '98 with Ray



Ray and Maura's daughters, Leah, 5, Irelyn, 1, and Daly, 8, in summer 2010.

## Ray Ewing: 1972-2010

**Ray Ewing '95** was a presence larger than life.

His boisterous personality always filled the room, no matter how large. He was a rare individual, upbeat and full of love for life, family and friends. He brought smiles to all, whether in the classroom where he taught, on the baseball diamond where he coached, or at home with his wife and daughters.

Ray died from a heart condition Aug. 13. He leaves behind his wife, **Maura McMullen Ewing '98**, and daughters, Daly, Leah and Irelyn, who live in Drexel Hill, Pa.

Ray grew up in Aldan, Pa., and moved to New Jersey in 2000. He was a computer teacher at St. Andrew's School in Drexel Hill for nine years, and coached the school's girl's softball team. He also coached a coed youth baseball team in Collingswood, N.J. His love of sports didn't stop there; he was a member of the Marple Sports Arena Roller Hockey League with his brothers, cousins and friends.

Ray's fraternal twin **Sam '95** remembers his brother's passion for sports: "At Cabrini, Ray was famous for his contagious laugh and his ability to heckle opposing teams and referees at sporting events," Sam says. "He was always good for a laugh."

What family members recall most fondly about Ray was an unparalleled zeal for life.

Brother **Joe '93** remembers Ray's uncanny ability to bring people together. "He brought people closer to him and to each other by amplifying their best qualities," Joe says.

Joe was at Cabrini with Ray and Sam for two years. He observed as the brothers formed a circle of strong friendships (Ray met Maura, whom he later married, at Cabrini) and integrated themselves into the campus community. "More than any other class, they blurred the lines between staff, faculty, academics and sports," he says. "I like to think Ray was a central figure in that."

Sister-in-law **Dawn Weston Ewing '94** met Ray when she began dating Joe, and was instantly taken by the Ewing family's closeness. She says the younger Ray, who she affectionately refers to as her brother, was an optimist. "The years went by and our college retreat turned into reality, with jobs, spouses, children and responsibilities," Dawn says. "But Ray continued to live each day with love, hope and laughter."

Even Jim Ewing, the youngest of five siblings and eight years younger than Ray and Sam, remembers weekends at Cabrini with the twins.

Although Ray is deeply missed by all whose lives he touched, Sam says he lives on in his family. "It is important find comfort in the good times we had and the beautiful family he left behind for us to share and enjoy."

Contributions to the Ewing Children's Fund may be sent to 1005 E. Evans Blvd., Brigantine, NJ 08203.

— Kristen Hampton

# Class NOTES

## 1995

**Doug Eppler Jr. '95** joined Tipton Communications as communications manager, bringing more than 15 years of experience to the company. His background includes nearly 10 years in the communications department at MBNA Corporation, part of Bank of America, and public relations and marketing management in the legal and tourism industries.

**Melissa Tobias Garland '95** and her children moved back to her hometown of Nazareth, Pa., in 2009. She is a special education teacher at Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21, which functions as a link between the Pennsylvania Department of Education and local school districts by facilitating inter-district cooperation and providing educational and administrative services to schools.

## 1996

**15th Reunion  
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend 2011**

## 1998

Cabrini alumni celebrated the May 29 wedding of **Eboni Watkins '98** and Xavier McDonald. Standing, from left: **Hanna Decker Collins '98**, **Kathleen Franklin Carmona '98**, **Eboni**, **Marie Galzerano Williams '98**, **Hollie Havens '98** and **Tanisha Rufus '98**. Seated, from left: **Celene Wright '96**, **Karen Nigro Halscheid '98**, **John Volpe '97**, **Michele Durso Martyn '98**, **Rowena Rutherford '96**, **Jennifer Marinaro Volpe '98** and **Jennifer Brody Volpe '98**. **PICTURED BELOW**



**Joseph Chow '98** earned CompTIA A+ certification to be an information technology professional. He recently completed a three-month internship at Reliatech, a San Francisco-based non-profit organization that repairs, refurbishes, and sells computers to individuals, non-profits and small businesses in underserved communities in the Bay Area and beyond.

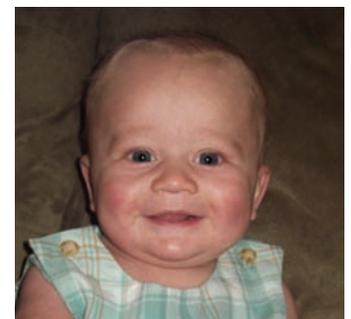
**Heather Yosko DiPietrantonio '98** and her husband, John, welcomed their first child on Aug. 4, 2010. Giovanni Michael weighed 10 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 22 inches. **PICTURED BELOW**



## 2001

**10th Reunion  
Celebrate at Alumni  
Weekend 2011**

**Dena Zattoni Moser '01** and her husband, Harold, welcomed their second son, Matthew John, on Nov. 10, 2009. **PICTURED TOP RIGHT**



**Mary Elizabeth Farnan-Russell '01** and her husband, Noah, welcomed their first child, Andrew William, on Jan. 27, 2010. Mary writes, "Andrew is the love and joy of our lives." **PICTURED BOTTOM RIGHT**



# Class NOTES

## 2003

**John M. Verdi Jr. '03** married Stacy Mann on June 5, 2010, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Morton, Pa. The reception was held at the Renaissance Airport Hotel in Philadelphia. The couple honeymooned at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and they reside in Gwynedd Valley, Pa.

## 2005

**Ashlee Lensmyer '05** is engaged to marry Aaron Cundieff on April 9, 2011. **PICTURED BELOW**



**Michelle Murray '05** has accepted the position of director of residence life at Gwynedd-Mercy College.

**M. L. Corbin Sicoli, Ph.D., HON'05**, Professor *Emerita* of Psychology, presented her research, "Biographical Factors of 20th Century Tyrants" at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in San Diego, Calif., on Aug. 13, 2010. She is a licensed psychologist based in West Chester, Pa.



## 2006

### 5th Reunion Celebrate at Alumni Weekend 2011

**Christina Bieniek '06** is engaged to marry Steve Ladislaw in Philadelphia in fall 2011. Both are employed by Amtrak in Philadelphia, **PICTURED ABOVE**. Christina's cousin, **Jessica Bieniek '06**, received a master's degree in special education from the University of Phoenix.

**Justin Hallman '06** has joined Piedmont College in Demorest, Ga., as assistant coach of the men's basketball team. Cabrini's former men's basketball head coach **John Dzik** is athletic director at Piedmont. Dzik was inducted into Cabrini College's Athletic Hall of Fame on Sept. 24, 2010 (see page 15).

**Faith Nall '06** married Brian Bathey on May 12, 2009, during a sunset ceremony on the beach in Key West, Fla. Both work as behavioral therapists for children with autism. The couple resides in Philadelphia.

**PICTURED BELOW**





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### 2007

**Cydney Sponaugle '07** married Matthew Ryan on June 27, 2010, at her father's residence in Palmyra, Pa. The ceremony was a surprise to family and friends, who thought they were attending an engagement party. The couple resides in Mechanicsburg, Pa. **PICTURED ABOVE**

**Tunomukwathi Asino '07** lives in Namibia where he is a reporter with the *Windhoek Observer* and works part-time at Polytechnic of Namibia, writing course study guides for the Centre for Open & Lifelong Learning. He also operates TA Editing Consultancy, an organization that provides writing and editing services worldwide. **PICTURED BELOW**

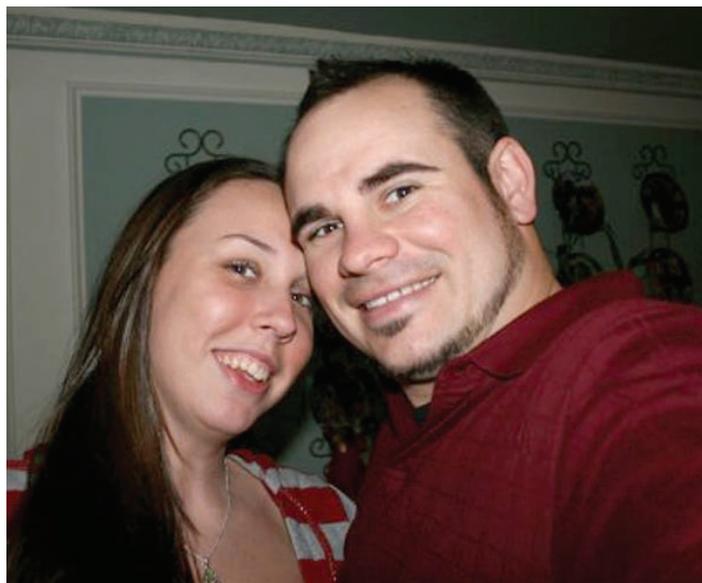


### 2008

**Monica L. McKeon '08** is a group supervisor at Kids Connection Learning Center in Sharon Hill, Pa. She works with children from infancy to pre-adolescence. This summer, she created the camp curriculum for children ages 5 to 12. She also planned the academic year art curriculum for other age groups at the school.

### 2009

**Jessica Wolfert '09** and **Paul Aaron Willis '08** are engaged to marry on Nov. 12, 2011. They met during new student orientation when Jessica was a first-year student. **PICTURED BELOW**



### 2010

**Jacqueline Marciano '10** has accepted a position in special events at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Broomall, Pa.

## My Own 'Night at the Phillies'

Photos and Story by Nick Guldin '12



At Citizens Bank Park on Sept. 17, the focus was not only on the Phillies, but also on Cabrini College, as more than 2,000 students, parents, alumni, trustees, faculty, staff and friends helped make this year's Cabrini Night at the Phillies the most well-attended Cabrini night ever.

From left: First-year students Samantha DiMambro, Sarah Barratt, Maggie McElroy and Emily Dagney enjoy the game; First-year student Ryan Redmond (center) with Chris Hiser '12 and Dana Sciamarelli '12.

"Cabrini Night at the Phillies," what's that? This was one of the first questions I asked myself when reading over what we would be doing at freshmen orientation in 2008. Little did I know this event would change my life.

When I first thought about freshmen orientation, I have to admit, I wasn't really excited. Playing icebreaker games and mingling with kids I'd never met before was not something I would call fun. Then I discovered that Cabrini was going to take all first-year students to a Phillies games as part of orientation. Being an avid Philadelphia sports fan, I was pretty excited to go.



Nick Guldin '12

On the day of the game, I met up with some of the friends I had made so far and we hopped on the bus to Citizens Bank Park. We walked through the gates and immediately bombarded one of the food stands to get hot dogs and soda. After we stuffed our faces, we headed to our seats and sat down for the game. It was the atmosphere that got me. The thrill of the game, the loud cheers as the players made their way onto the field, the smell of the ballpark. It was a night to remember.

Two years later, I was on my way to "Cabrini Night at the Phillies" once again—only this time the circumstances were much different. I was now one of the sports editors for the

school newspaper, *Loquitur*, and was attending the game as a reporter. As I walked toward the stadium I was handed a press pass and instantly felt like a god. I walked with Cabrini President Marie George, alumni, and others as we were escorted to a Hall of Fame suite filled with endless cheesesteaks, soft pretzels and drinks. I kept thinking to myself, "I'm in a suite at Citizens Bank Park. It doesn't get any better than this." But it did.

We all gathered our things and made our way to the elevator. It was time to hit the field for the ceremonial first pitch and the National Anthem. My heart was pounding as the elevator went lower and lower. We walked through the tunnel and silently waited at the bottom of the stairs below the field. Camera in hand, I was ready for action. As we got the signal to go, we slowly moved up the stairs and at that moment I found myself taking my first steps onto the field. What a feeling!

But before I was able to fully grasp that fact, I was in reporter mode. I was snapping pictures left and right. I even met the Phillies' head photographer who I shadowed for the majority of the pregame festivities. I took shots of President George, the Cabrini College Chorus, and Stephen Balshi (son of **Joanne Kovacs Balshi '69** and **Tom Balshi HON'10**) who threw the ceremonial first pitch.

As I made my way off the field, I couldn't believe what just happened. I did something that many people only dream about. I was a professional reporter at a Phillies game. What an experience. What a rush. It was my very own "Night at the Phillies."



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