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MAKING HISTORY

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*On Feb. 24, the Cabrini College men's basketball team clinched the 2012 Colonial States Athletic Conference title and the third consecutive bid to the NCAA Tournament.*

*President Marie George with seniors (from left) Greg Zabel, Cory Lemons and John Boyd.*

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March 31, 2012

As I write this letter, 123 years to the day that Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini arrived in New York, I am reflecting on the course of her long journey to serve and glorify our Lord by doing all she could to help the less fortunate. Mother Cabrini traveled the world, establishing missions, schools, orphanages and hospitals that served those in need. Her prayer, "Help me, Jesus, because I wish to do so with ardor and speed," reflected the vast good she wished to accomplish in His name.

In this issue of *Cabrini Magazine*, two recent journeys are profiled, each significantly impacting our Cabrini College family.

It is only fitting to begin with the journey of our men's basketball team, as their season-long performance made Cabrini history with a record-setting 22-game winning streak. This talented team took us to the NCAA Division III Sweet Sixteen in 2011, and this year to the Sweet Sixteen, Final Four and Division III Championship games. Surrendering the final game to a mere three-point loss, our Cavaliers' cohesive team spirit and talent brought all of us to heights never before experienced. "Every game we played, we were the smaller team on the floor," said Head Coach Marcus Kahn. "Our strength was our speed."

Before each game, arms were linked and heads were bowed in prayer, engendering the strength and hope of the little team that could—and did—do us proud! And, so, the Cavaliers' journey, that brought us so very far in such a short period of time, continues with the pride and love they brought to our College community.

How can I not be reminded of the diminutive saint who set out to make a difference and did just that—in an astonishingly short period of time?

The second of the two journeys continues through a recent partnership with Cabrini Ministries in Swaziland. Since the 1970s, the dedicated and tireless efforts of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSCs) have provided care and compassion to the people of this small, struggling African country. Now Swaziland is ravaged by HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, and two Sisters devote themselves to bringing hope to the lives of many. Can you imagine the compassion, kindness and love that fill the hearts of these modern-day saints to give of themselves in this capacity? Many within our Cabrini College family can, indeed, imagine and, therefore, devote time to follow the course that Mother Cabrini personally charted. Theresa Alberici '76 was Cabrini College's first visitor to Swaziland, and spent most of the year after she graduated volunteering with the Missionary Sisters.

This noble journey perseveres with ardor and speed. In January, we had the privilege of hosting three Swazi childcare staff members and last month Cabrini Ministries' IT and Development officer was on campus. This summer a faculty group will leave for Swaziland, and a student immersion trip is projected for next year.

In whatever field you dedicate yourself, it is with pride and honor that I ask you to be mindful of the commitment for which we are bound—to continue your journey in the footsteps of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini and to be of service to others with earnest passion.

Peace,

  
Marie Angelella George, Ph.D.

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## Philanthropist and Alumna to Address Commencements



J. Eustace Wolfington



Anne Marie Borneman, Ed.D. '80

J. Eustace Wolfington, a staunch supporter of Catholic institutions in the Philadelphia region, will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters and address more than 320 bachelor's degree candidates at Cabrini's undergraduate Commencement at 10 a.m. on May 20.

At the graduate Commencement at 3:30 p.m., **Anne Marie Borneman, Ed.D. '80**, senior fellow at Saint Joseph's University's Center for Catholic Urban Education, will address more than 725 master's degree candidates. She also will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

"The College's Commencement speakers and honorary degree recipients are excellent representatives of the values of a Cabrini education," said President Marie Angelella George, Ph.D. "J. Eustace Wolfington is a role model in his personal and professional lives, and his generosity has impacted directly thousands of Cabrini students. Dr. Borneman's work and research on Catholic urban schools is deeply meaningful and relevant for students earning graduate degrees, many of whom are in the education field. We are proud that she is an alumna of the College."

Philanthropic commitments to Cabrini by Wolfington and the Eustace Foundation helped to establish the Wolfington Center at Cabrini College

nearly 10 years ago, and has facilitated many of the College's local and global partnerships. The Center also offers students service opportunities grounded in Catholic Social Teaching in such places as Norristown, Pa., West Virginia, Central and South America, and Africa.

Professionally, the Wolfington family has been affiliated with transportation for more than a century, beginning

with Eustace's great-grandfather, who began building carriages in Philadelphia in 1876. After earning a bachelor's degree from Saint Joseph's University in 1956, Wolfington started working at a family automobile dealership; by 1962, he had purchased Plymouth and Chevrolet dealerships, and from 1967 to 1972, he was responsible for placing 2,500 General Motors dealers into the retail leasing business.

Wolfington has received numerous awards and honors for his efforts, including the Commodore Barry Award from the American Catholic Historical Society and the Shield of Loyola Award from Saint Joseph's University. He also studied at the University of Notre Dame and served in the United States Army in Korea.

In addition to her role at Saint Joseph's University's Center for Catholic Urban Education, Borneman is the research team leader for the University's Alliance for Catholic Education. She has researched extensively on Philadelphia Catholic schools, and has more than 30 years of experience working in urban and suburban schools.

Borneman earned a bachelor of science in elementary and special education from Cabrini, a master of arts in human development and a school psychology certification from Bryn

Mawr College, and a doctorate in educational leadership from Saint Joseph's University. Her dissertation, on Catholic urban schools in low-income neighborhoods of Philadelphia, earned Saint Joseph's Nicholas S. Rashford, S.J., Award.

The Mother Ursula Award—named for the founder of the College—also will be presented at Commencement. The award is given to a senior who, in the opinion of classmates, has best fulfilled the ideals of the College through academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, leadership and service to classmates and the College.

—Daniel DiPrinzio

## Cabrini's 52nd Commencement

### Saturday, May 19

Commencement Mass, 4 p.m.

### Sunday, May 20

Undergraduate Commencement, 10 a.m.  
Graduate Commencement, 3:30 p.m.

### Honorary Degree Recipients

- J. Eustace Wolfington, receiving an honorary doctor of humane letters
- Anne Marie Borneman, Ed.D. '80, receiving an honorary doctor of humane letters
- Janice Taylor Gordon, Ph.D., receiving an honorary doctor of science for her service to culture and medicine
- Maestro Jonathan Sternberg, receiving an honorary doctor of fine arts for his long-standing contribution to the fine arts

For information on Commencement, contact the Office of Student Development at 610-902-8416 or visit [www.cabrini.edu/commencement](http://www.cabrini.edu/commencement).

# Founder's Day Celebrates 'Mother' Ursula

On Feb. 21, 2012, three days after the 115th anniversary of her birth, the College honored the legacy of Sister Ursula Infante, MSC (1897–2001) with the annual Founder's Day celebration.

While Founder's Day traditionally has welcomed community leaders, educators and activists to campus to present on a social justice topic, this year the College paid tribute to its founding president, who served in the leadership role from 1957 to 1967.

The Mansion foyer was transformed into an interactive gallery filled with archival items about the College and Sister Ursula, who students affectionately called "Mother Ursula." On display were yearbooks, photographs, student handbooks, and even the original white blazer, with the Cabrini crest emblazoned over the heart, that students were required to wear in the early years of the College. The exhibit also included personal items of the woman born Anna Lawrence in New York.

President Marie George, Ph.D., spoke of how Mother Ursula, with few financial resources, used ingenuity, business savvy, and even a little psychology to provide for her students.

"Mother Ursula was one-of-a-kind," President George said. "Operating on a shoestring budget, she inked in bare spots in the Mansion carpets, wrangled used organs from Wanamaker's, and borrowed fancy carpets from a nearby rug dealer for special campus events so often that he finally just gave one to her!"

Professor of Philosophy Joseph Romano, Ph.D., who joined Cabrini in 1960, reflected on his relationship with the influential and persuasive Mother Ursula. He laughingly recalled how Mother Ursula, upon learning that he had minored in physics as an undergraduate, convinced the philosophy professor that he was qualified to lead and develop the College's Science Department.

Former Alumni Board President **Claire Roth '69** and Trustee **Nancy Gorevin Costello '71** also shared touching student memories of Mother Ursula.



"We were supposed to apply to room with our friends for the following year," Roth said. "Mother Ursula quoted the Gospel: 'Ask and ye shall receive'; and then followed it up with, 'but you might not always get it!'"

**Cathy Matta '13**, a dual major in math and English and member of the Cabrini Theatre, closed the program with a dramatic reading of Mother Ursula's letter to *The Loquitur*, "A Day to Remember." The letter, written in 1985 on the 70th anniversary of Mother Ursula's entrance into the Missionary Sisters, highlights her experience as one of the last women personally welcomed into the order by Frances Xavier Cabrini in 1915.

The archival items displayed at the exhibit are available for viewing in the College's Holy Spirit Library.

–Daniel DiPrinzo



**Top Left:** Students browse through the archival items on display in the Mansion Foyer.

**Bottom Left:** Professor of Philosophy Joseph Romano, Ph.D., and Campus Ministry Associate Sr. Christine Baltas, MSC '66 reminisce about Sr. Ursula Infante, MSC.



*District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman*

## District Attorney Receives 2012 Ivy Young Willis Award at Cabrini

March 15 was an exciting day for District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman. Not only did she accept the Ivy Young Willis Award at Cabrini, but she also reported in her presentation that police had just apprehended an armed and dangerous bank robber.

"This is a delightful day," said a beaming Ferman, the first woman to serve as district attorney of Montgomery County.

Though Ferman spoke of how proud she was of her office's 98 percent conviction rate—one of the strongest in the state—it was especially meaningful that the College acknowledged her work to protect vulnerable citizens, especially children.

As district attorney, Ferman established the Elder Abuse Unit to target criminals who prey upon senior citizens, and was a driving force behind the creation of Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center, Montgomery County's first child advocacy program aimed at easing the criminal justice process for victims of child abuse. She also is the co-founder of Montgomery County Child Advocacy Project, which provides pro-bono legal services to abused children.

"It's so important for my office to work with the community in getting to the root of how and why crime takes place, and how all members of the community can help prevent crime," Ferman said.

Prior to her election to district attorney in 2007, Ferman served for 15 years as a courtroom prosecutor. Taking on some of the most challenging cases, she worked her way to the rank of captain of the Sex Crimes Team, specializing in the prosecution of homicide, child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence cases.

Presented annually, the Ivy Young Willis Award recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions in the field of public affairs. Past recipients of the award include Pat Ciarrocchi, CBS3 news anchor; Jane Golden, executive director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program; Cokie Roberts, ABC News Political Commentator and author; Lisa Nutter, president of Philadelphia Academies, Inc.; and healthcare and political activist René Amooore, who returned to campus for this year's ceremony.

Also attending the ceremony were members of the Willis family, including daughter Martha Dale, who was a longtime employee of the College; Martha's husband, John; her sons, Ian and Rob Anderson; and Ian's wife, Vidhi.

—Daniel DiPrinzio

## African Children's Choir Raises Hope and Awareness

An evening performance in Grace Hall Atrium by the Mwamba Children's Choir capped Cabrini Day on Nov. 15, 2011, as the college community focused on the theme, "Orphans and Vulnerable Children: Children Who Hurt."

Most children in the choir, ages 6–13, come from single-parent homes or from homes where their parents can't afford to raise them or are orphans. The non-governmental organization I AM Children's Family provides the choir members and other children with food, shelter, clothing, education and love. The choir is touring the United States to raise awareness about orphans and underprivileged children in Uganda, but also to raise funds for a new multi-purpose facility that will serve as a self-sustaining village with a school, dormitories and a farm.

Established in 2008, the choir sings mostly Christian-based songs of inspiration and hope, in eight different languages. The choir's name, Mwamba, means "rock" in Swahili.

The event was one of many during Cabrini Spirit Week, during which students, faculty and staff honor Cabrini's heritage and mission. Other events included: a presentation by John Shors, author of the summer reading book "Dragon House;" the Mr. & Miss Cabrini Pageant; faculty presentations and panels; and a lecture by Holocaust survivor Erica Van Adelsberg.

—Megan Gilmore



*Mwamba Children's Choir*

## Maguire Scholars Program Enables Students to Thrive

The Maguire Scholars Program is designed to help students who are right for Cabrini—and for whom the College is right—live and thrive on campus. The first two Maguire Scholars, **Joshua Muska** and **Robert Semler**, fit the bill perfectly.

A first-year exercise science and health promotion major from Hi-Nella, N.J., Muska is a member of the College's Honors Program and chorus, and plays intramural football, handball and dodgeball. He hopes

to one day use skills learned in his major to help children as a physical therapist, and believes Cabrini is the college to provide him with the education necessary to achieve his goals.

"Cabrini really is the right fit for me, and I'm not sure that it would have been the same at another school," Muska said. "The Maguire Scholarship brought me to the college that best fit me. It has blessed me more than I could have imagined."

A native of Haddon Township, N.J., Semler already is immersed in campus life. The first-year biology/pre-med major is active in chorus, cheerleading, Student Government Association, and a member



Robert Semler and Joshua Muska

of the men's swimming team. He has conducted research in Introductory Biology Lab with David Dunbar, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, and Melinda Harrison, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, and wants to work in the field of gene therapy, a technique that uses genes to treat or prevent disease.

"I don't think I could imagine myself at another school," Semler said.

James Maguire—on whom the College bestowed an Honorary Alumnus Award in 1980—and The Maguire Foundation selected Cabrini College as one of five colleges and universities to participate in The Maguire Scholars Program, which provides \$25,000 in financial aid annually for four years to deserving students. To qualify, students must demonstrate community and/or extracurricular involvement, must reside on campus (in Maguire House their sophomore year), and contribute \$5,000 annually toward their education. For information about the Maguire Scholars Program, contact the College's Office of Admissions at 610-902-8552 or visit [www.cabrini.edu/giving/scholarships](http://www.cabrini.edu/giving/scholarships).

—Daniel DiPrinzio

## Students Rename Renovated On-Campus Eatery

To reflect aesthetic improvements and healthier meal options, the space that was called the Marketplace student restaurant received a new name—one that students chose.

During a November 2011 vote, students selected the name Cavs Corner for the Founder's Hall eatery. A new logo was created for the renamed space, which was revealed during a January student event in Cavs Corner.

Drew Niemann, general manager of dining services at Cabrini, says that students have told him that they prefer the new name, and feel like Cavs Corner is now a space that "feels more like theirs."

For information, visit [www.facebook.com/cabrinidining](https://www.facebook.com/cabrinidining) or contact Dining Services: 610-902-8505 or [dining@cabrini.edu](mailto:dining@cabrini.edu).



May 7  
Waynesborough Country Club,  
Paoli, Pa.

There is something for everyone at the 23rd Annual Cabrini Classic—a golf tournament, beginner's golf clinic, silent and live auctions, and gala dinner.

This year's event honors Caswell "Cas" F. Holloway, III, parent of a 2005 Cabrini graduate (John) and dedicated supporter of the College. He has served on the Board of Trustees for nearly nine years. Holloway is president of C.F. Holloway, III & Company, a residential builder and developer in Wayne, Pa.

Visit [www.cabriniclassic.com](http://www.cabriniclassic.com) to bid early on your favorite auction items (like the opportunity to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at Cabrini College Night at the Phillies on Sept. 7) or to register online for the golf tournament, clinic or dinner. Proceeds benefit Cabrini students.

For information, contact Donna Potts: 610-902-8214 or [dpotts@cabrini.edu](mailto:dpotts@cabrini.edu).



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## In Brief

Stories on Cabrini's plan to reduce tuition beginning fall 2012 have appeared in more than 120 print and electronic media outlets, including international sites such as CNNMoney (money.cnn.com), Yahoo! Finance, SmartMoney.com, MSNBC.com, and the NBC "TODAY Show" website, and in national, regional and local outlets, for a total of more than 154.8 media impressions.

*The Philadelphia Inquirer* profiled men's basketball player **Cory Lemons '13**, who in January was named to the D3hoops.com national Team of the Week, the Colonial States Athletic Conference Player of the Week, and the Sam Cozen Small College Basketball Player of the Week.

**Jaiquann Beckham '13** is one of eight people ages 31 and under featured in a CNNMoney.com piece, "Why I still believe in the American dream." Beckham talks about how he hopes for an economic turnaround in America in the coming years, and how he hopes his education at Cabrini will help him secure a job upon graduation. Beckham also was featured in a *Sunday News Journal* (Del.) story on the first three years of college for Beckham and three fellow graduates of Christiana High School who received scholarships from Black Eyed Peas rocker will.i.am's i.am Angel Foundation.



*The Phillie Phanatic and Cabrini College Vice President for Enrollment Management Dennis Kelly honor Phillies Extraordinary High School Scholars Jacki Turet (left) and Andrew Moffa (right) at a Phillies game on August 23, 2011. Photo: Heddy Bergsman/Philadelphia Phillies*



*Jaiquann Beckham '13*



*Cathy Matta '13*

**Colleen Lelli, Ed.D. '95**, assistant professor of education, was featured on *6ABC-TV* as an expert for a parenting segment on whether parents favor one child over another, and how parents can take steps to avoid such behavior.

The winter issue of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) newsletter, *Update*, featured two Cabrini stories: a first-person account of junior **Cathy Matta's** experience at World Youth Day in Spain, and the College's **Green Team** taking the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor, a commitment to reduce one's contribution to global warming through prayer, learning, assessment, action and advocacy.

**Father Carl Janicki** and several Campus Ministry students were featured in a *Catholic Standard and Times* story on how the College prepared for the Nov. 27 changes to the Roman Missal. The story appeared on the cover of the *Standard and Times'* Fall Education Guide.

Professor *Emeritus* **Jolyon Girard, Ph.D.**, was quoted in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* for a story on whether technical training and military experience will benefit U.S. soldiers returning from war today as much as they did in previous decades.

## Cabrini Teams with Phillies to Honor Extraordinary High School Students

This year, Cabrini College, Verizon Wireless and the Philadelphia Phillies will recognize and grant scholarships to high school students who've excelled academically and positively impacted their communities. Each month during the Philadelphia Phillies' season, from April to September, two students will be honored as Phillies Extraordinary High School Scholars. If they enroll at Cabrini, scholars will receive a \$2,500 scholarship each year, eligible for up to four years and \$10,000.

To be eligible, students must be a sophomore or junior in high school during the 2011-12 school year, carry a minimum grade-point-average of 3.0, and write an essay on how they have served their community. Students must enroll full time at Cabrini to be eligible for the scholarships. Applications are accepted and judged on a rolling basis through June 22, 2012. For information on how to enter to become a scholar: [www.phillies.com/scholar](http://www.phillies.com/scholar).

## Tickets on Sale for Cabrini Night at the Phillies

On Sept. 7, join Cabrini students, alumni, faculty, staff, families and friends to cheer the Philadelphia Phillies to victory against the Colorado Rockies at 7:05 p.m. The seventh annual Cabrini College Night at the Phillies features the Cabrini College Chorus singing the National Anthem and the Cabrini Dance Team performing with the Phillie Phanatic.

All fans 15 and older will receive a Cabrini College/Phillies knit cap at the game. Seating with fellow Cabrini College supporters is offered in three areas of Citizens Bank Park: Pavilion Deck sections 304-305 (\$15 per ticket) and sections 306-310 (\$23 per ticket); and Terrace Deck sections 412-415 (\$25 per ticket). There is a \$1 per ticket fee. (Price reflects a discount of \$5 off the standard individual game price.)

To order, visit [www.phillies.com/cabrini](http://www.phillies.com/cabrini), click on the "Buy Tickets" button and enter the promotion code CABRINI. In order to minimize the impact of the "per order" charge, it may be worthwhile to combine orders with friends and family. Tickets are based on availability, so order now!

## Radnor Conservancy Presents Mansion Painting

Radnor Conservancy representatives presented Cabrini College President Marie Angelella George with a painting of the Mansion, the College's signature building on the former Woodcrest Estate, on March 21, 2012. The painting, by Radnor artist Dori Spector, is a token of appreciation from the Conservancy, which held its annual member gala last September at the Horace Trumbauer-designed Mansion. The Conservancy, a non-profit organization designed to protect open space and preserve important natural, cultural and historic assets of Radnor Township, also will hold the gala at the Mansion this year.



*Left to right: Doug Brown, Conservancy member; Sara Lupkas, chief operating officer, Conservancy; John Fischer, president, Conservancy; Dr. George, president, Cabrini College; Howard Holden, director of facilities, Cabrini College; Leslie Bowes, executive director, Conservancy; Kimberley Donchas, vice president, Conservancy*

## Strengthening Connections with Parents

The new Parent Council invites all parents of current Cabrini students to become members. The Council meets twice each semester about campus news, events and initiatives, and to discuss issues of importance to current Cabrini parents. Additionally, members of the Parent Council may volunteer to participate in Admissions events, career placement initiatives, fundraising efforts such as the Phonathon, and campus-wide events such as Family Weekend.

"It continues to be a pleasure to serve the college that supports my son and other students in their academic pursuit," said Robin Koslo-Stahl, Ed.D., parent of Anderson Stahl '13 and member of the Council. "As an ambassador of the College, it is rewarding to assist other parents of current and prospective students to navigate a perhaps uncharted path that leads to the successful, positive experience that my son and I have experienced."

Fred Serino, also a member of the Parent Council, shares, "Although I am blessed to have a wonderful and positive relationship with my daughter, Danielle '12, this program has now given me a medium to share Cabrini's strong academic, athletic, social and spiritual concepts."

For information, contact Mary Ravenfeld, associate director of Annual Giving: 610-902-8257 or [mary.r.ravenfeld@cabrini.edu](mailto:mary.r.ravenfeld@cabrini.edu).

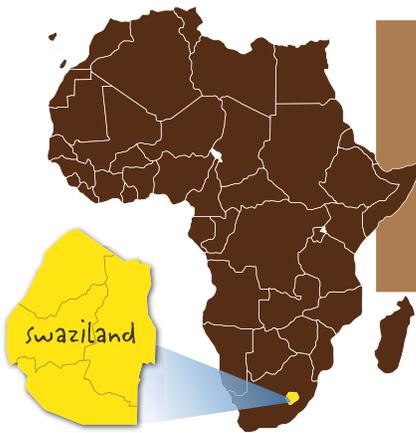
—Megan Gilmore



*A Cabrini partnership in the African nation of Swaziland is helping to create a future of promise for children growing up in a land ravaged by AIDS.*

# Restoring

# HOPE



By Richard Bader

**I**t was June of 2010, and Beverly Bryde, Ed.D., was nervous. Bryde, an associate professor of education at Cabrini and the education department chair, was one of a six-person contingent that was about to board a plane that would take her farther away from her known world than she had ever been before. “My initial reaction was, I can’t do this,” says Bryde. “But when I landed, I felt a sense of peace.”

Where she landed was the tiny African nation of Swaziland, where Cabrini College was launching a partnership with Cabrini Ministries, a community-based organization founded by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that provides health care and educational support to thousands living in the Lubombo region in the southeastern part of the country. To fully understand the importance of this partnership, you have to understand the context into which Bryde and her colleagues had just flown.

Swaziland is a nation about the size of New Jersey tucked into the southeastern corner of the continent, bordered on three sides by South Africa and to the east by Mozambique. Twenty years ago, it was an African success story, its people and economy healthy, its vital signs strong, and its future bright. Cabrini Ministries, a presence in the country since 1971, was preparing to leave, feeling its services were needed more elsewhere.

Then the AIDS crisis struck, and no place on Earth was hit harder. In two decades, life expectancy dropped by a quarter and stands today at less than 49 years, the fifth lowest in the world. More than 25 percent of adults are infected with HIV, the AIDS virus. In a nation of about 1.3 million, AIDS kills 7,000 people each year. The prevalence of tuberculosis, an opportunistic infection that attacks those whose immune systems have been weakened by AIDS, is the highest in the world. These diseases have been destroying an entire generation, leaving tens of



thousands of orphans and vulnerable children in their wake. Observers have used words like “cataclysmic” and “apocalyptic” to describe circumstances there.

“A huge social problem arose around HIV and AIDS,” says Sr. Barbara Staley, who, along with Sr. Diane Dalle Molle, co-directs Cabrini Ministries in Swaziland. “The Missionary Sisters have been here for 40 years. We are an integral part of the community. We were a natural source for the community to look to for help.”

The organization’s response has been far-reaching, and today Cabrini Ministries serves those infected and affected by AIDS and HIV through programs that include:

- **Aid to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs)** – Roughly 115 children ages 3 to 19 who have lost one or both parents to AIDS live at the Cabrini Ministries hostel, where they receive food, shelter, clothing, and educational support, plus an abundance of guidance and love from caring adults. An additional 350 OVCs who live on homesteads in the region also receive support.
- **Health Care Outreach** – Every week some 200 people visit the Cabrini Ministries health clinic for testing and treatment for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and other conditions. Staff also make daily homestead visits to people who are too sick to travel, have no means of transportation, or are otherwise unable to come to the clinic, which is the country’s largest clinic-level distribution site for anti-retroviral drugs.
- **Agriculture** – An on-site farm provides food to supplement the diet of patients and the children living at the Cabrini Ministries hostel. The farm also generates income—its red peppers go into Tabasco sauce—and is a vehicle for teaching orphaned children farming skills they otherwise would have learned from their parents.



*Cabrini Ministries provides health care outreach to individuals living on homesteads.*

- **Education and Psychosocial Support** – Cabrini Ministries provides tuition, uniforms, and other support to enable more than 250 children to attend the local primary school and high school, and offers tutoring and educational enrichment to help students succeed. Children also receive extensive counseling and guidance to work through the social and emotional trauma they have experienced losing parents and other relatives to AIDS.

It is in this last area—education and psychosocial support—that Cabrini Ministries’ needs and Cabrini College’s expertise dovetail. Thus a partnership was born.

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have lost one or both parents to AIDS  
live at the Cabrini Ministries hostel



On that 2010 trip, Bryde was part of a Cabrini College team that included President Marie George, Ph.D., and trustee George Weathersby<sup>1</sup>, Ph.D., plus faculty members Joseph Clark (education), and Erin McLaughlin, Ph.D. (business). Constance Titone, Ed.D., an education professor at Villanova University and Weathersby's wife, accompanied the Cabrini group. The purpose of their visit was to assess educational needs at Cabrini Ministries, look for ways the College could help, and lay the foundation for a long-term partnership.

The drive from the Swazi airport in Manzini to St. Philip's Mission, home of the Cabrini Ministries hostel and health clinic, took Bryde and company away from the lush green and rolling hills of Swaziland's middle veldt into the drier, flatter low veldt. Paved roads

buildings with colorful designs painted on the sides where they are looked after by "aunties," Swazi women who work as housemothers, distributing love and discipline in equally generous helpings. Bellies are full, as a cheerful cook named Priscilla with an irrepressible smile works porridge, rice, beans, and other staples into three solid meals a day. There is electricity and running water, the water pumped up from a river and purified, so it's clean enough to drink out of the tap.

Children in Swaziland begin school in first grade at age 6. Their first language is Siswati, though school classes are taught in English, and teaching students to read and write fluently in English is the single biggest challenge teachers face.

have been upended by AIDS, school can be a struggle. "The schools don't do enough for the children," says Mavis Steenkamp, a Cabrini Ministries education coordinator. "We try to make up for what the school is lacking."

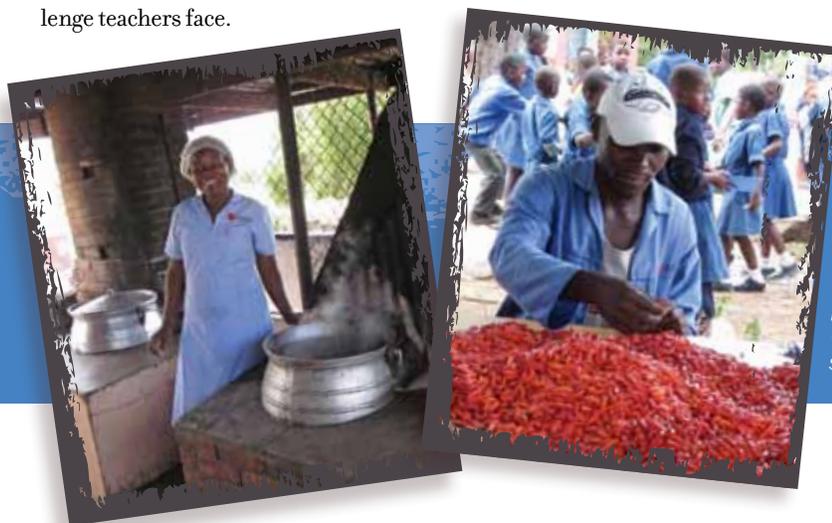
They accomplish this through afternoon and evening general studies and tutoring programs. A special Bridge program assists older children who are several years behind grade level; they are pulled out of school and given special attention to catch up. But working with children who range in age from around 6 to their mid-teens and who bring a wide range of strengths, weaknesses, and emotional and developmental issues to their learning is a formidable challenge.

## Assessing NEEDS

gave way to rutted dirt as the Cabrini College entourage traveled deeper into a countryside devastated by drought. They drove past plots of parched corn and homesteads of mud-and-stick buildings that looked like they belonged to a different era.

The first whites in Swaziland were the Boers, Dutch-speaking settlers who arrived in the mid-19th century to farm. After the Boer War at the turn of the century, Swaziland became a British territory, remaining so until it became independent in 1968. The British preferred the more hospitable climate in the central and northern parts of the country, using the low veldt mostly for grazing land. Sr. Barbara says they had a saying: "Only fools and impalas live in the low veldt."

Cabrini Ministries stands as a 12-acre oasis on this landscape. The children live in two large single-story cinder-block dormitory



Left to right: Priscilla Mamba cooks up three meals a day at the Cabrini Ministries hostel; Chili peppers are a major crop grown at the on-site farm.

Compounding the problem is that Siswati is the more commonly spoken language; many of the aunties themselves have difficulties with English.

Primary school continues through grade seven, at which time students take a national exam. If they pass, they go on to high school. If they fail, they either repeat the exam or stop. "The only way we can break the cycle of poverty is through education," says Sharon Singleton, head of education and psychosocial development at Cabrini Ministries. "If they get an education, they can get a job."

Most of the children living at the Cabrini Ministries hostel attend St. Philip's School, a government primary school that shares property with the hostel. Others attend a high school nearby. For children whose lives

"Cabrini Ministries had a need in their after-school program," Bryde says. "They wanted the Cabrini College education department to work with the teachers at the hostel." One of the purposes of her 2010 trip was to get a first-hand look at what the hostel teachers were doing in order to figure out how the College could best help. Another was to begin building the mentoring relationships between the American and Swazi educators that would be key to the project's success.

"You want to help the children, but sometimes you don't know what to do," says Tfbobhi Mamba, a Cabrini Ministries teacher who also teaches first grade at St. Philip's School, and whose husband is supervisor of operations at Cabrini Ministries. "The people from Cabrini College—they came with strategies."

1. Mr. Weathersby passed away in January 2012.

# New ways of TEACHING

Many of those strategies are designed to engage the children in their learning by making it more interesting for them. Instead of simply having students recite the alphabet to learn letters, for example, teachers write the letters into the squares of a hopscotch game. When you land on the letter, you shout it. If you get it right, you continue. If you get it wrong, you're out. In a country where people love to sing, instead of a rote process to learn the words for different body parts, the teachers developed songs that increased both the amount of learning that took place and the fun the kids had doing it. Though these strategies may feel familiar to those who have learned in American schools, Cabrini Ministries staff say they are new concepts in Swaziland, a nation that has only been

literate for about the past hundred years.

Another goal is to introduce new technological tools to the teachers and students at Cabrini Ministries. This isn't easy in a place where blackboards and chalk are the norm and where until months ago the nearest Internet connection was an hour-and-a-half away. But the College has donated computers and projection equipment, and has downloaded onto flash drives an array of lesson plans, teaching programs, and other materials. An e-version of *The Lion King* is popular with the children, as are a book of African folktales and a story from Swaziland called *The Cloud Princess*. A "Bridges to Swaziland" Facebook page has been set up,

and it's accessible via cell phones that are ubiquitous throughout the country. The technology itself has a magnetic attraction for the children, almost none of whom had touched a computer before.

Now in its third year, the partnership continues to evolve and grow. In January 2011, two members of the Cabrini Ministries education staff—Sharon Singleton and Simo Mamba—visited the College for workshops with faculty. The following month, a team of volunteers went to Swaziland to develop communications tools for Cabrini Ministries to use in fundraising ([www.youtube.com/cabrinicollege](http://www.youtube.com/cabrinicollege)). College education faculty members Joseph Clark and Susan Pierson, Ph.D., made another visit last summer. In summer 2012, psychology professor Edna Barenbaum, Ph.D., will go to Swaziland to lead a project to develop ways to measure the social and emotional development of children orphaned by AIDS and scarred by trauma, but who are now benefiting from the support they receive at the hostel.

The partnership is having a significant impact on life at the College as well. Exchanges between Cabrini Ministries staff and College faculty enrich cross-cultural understanding. Swaziland's presence as a topic of study has grown, and at least three courses now focus on Swaziland and the challenges that orphans and vulnerable children face there. Faculty voted unanimously to have OVCs be the theme for the 2011-12 academic year. Business professor Erin McLaughlin has started a project that has Cabrini students helping Swazi youth market bracelets and other crafts they've made. Projects in social work and psychology are underway. The expectation is that by 2013 Cabrini students—both undergraduates and graduate students in the Master of Education program—will begin immersion semesters in Swaziland.





Instead of simply having students recite the alphabet to learn letters, for example, teachers write the letters into the squares of a hopscotch game.

Top, left to right: Nonhlanhla Thoko Shongwe teaches students in the Bridge School, a program that helps older children who are several years behind grade level; Lunchtime at St. Philip's Mission; Susan Pierson, Ph.D., assistant professor of education, reads to children during her June 2011 visit to St. Philip's Mission.

# "This Will Improve the LIVES OF CHILDREN"



On a cold, gray January afternoon in Radnor, the latest visitors from Swaziland—teachers Mavis Steenkamp, Tfobhi Mamba, and Nonhlanhla Thoko Shongwe—sit at a rectangular table in an upstairs conference room in Grace Hall where faculty member Susan Pierson, Ph.D., is leading a workshop. Large flip-chart pages cover one wall. A projector wired to a laptop points toward another. The three women are nearing the end of their two-week stay in the United States during which they sharpened their pedagogical skills, toured New York City, and sampled Philly cheesesteaks. The room is chilly for the visitors; Mrs. Shongwe wears a Phillies knit cap to keep warm and Mrs. Steenkamp sports a bright blue Cabrini College hoodie. The two are in new jeans they bought in Manhattan.

Over the course of several hours the Swazi women have explored everything from educational theory to the best ways to teach ABCs and fractions. They've learned new vocabulary songs and taken different parts to read a play about a hare and a hyena, an exercise they will do

*Cabrini Ministries staff members Nonhlanhla Thoko Shongwe, Mavis Steenkamp and Tfobhi Mamba present a token of thanks to President Marie George. Sr. Grace Waters, MSC (right), who served for five years at Cabrini Ministries at St. Philip's Mission, was among those greeting the honored guests. (Mavis Steenkamp was 6 years old when Sr. Grace was missioned in Swaziland and she still recalls Sr. Grace, a nurse, giving her an injection.)*

*Valerie Daniel (left), instructor in the social work department, greets Cabrini Ministries staff members Sharon Singleton and Simo Mamba at a campus reception in January 2011.*

## Chronology of a PARTNERSHIP

**February 2008** – Former Cabrini College President Antoinette Iadarola visits Cabrini Ministries in Swaziland and opens the door to a possible partnership.

**June 2010** – President Marie George heads a Cabrini College contingent that travels to Swaziland to conduct an educational needs assessment and determine ways the College can help.

**January 2011** – A new college course is offered: Education for the Common Good (ECG) 200, Bridges to Swaziland.

**January 2011** – Cabrini Ministries staff members Sharon Singleton and Simo Mamba visit the College to further define the partnership and participate in teacher development programs.

**February 2011** – A team headed by Gene Castellano, the College's vice president for marketing and communications, travels to Swaziland to develop communications materials for Cabrini Ministries to use in fundraising ([www.youtube.com/cabrinicollege](http://www.youtube.com/cabrinicollege)).

**June 2011** – College education faculty members Joseph Clark and Susan Pierson work with Cabrini Ministries education staff in Swaziland.

**August 2011** – A second course is offered: ECG 300, Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Swaziland

with their students back in Swaziland. They've practiced new computer skills that they'll use on the laptops delivered by Pierson and Clark last summer. They've learned strategies for energizing their students. And they've come away energized themselves.

"Visiting [the College] will make a big difference," says Mrs. Mamba. "When we go back, we are people who have been to America. We appreciate the partnership. We will go home and spread the news. This will improve the lives of the children."

The lives of the children growing up at the hostel at Cabrini Ministries in Swaziland are very different from those of children in suburban Philadelphia, and the 8,000 miles separating them doesn't do justice to the magnitude of that difference. A 2-year-old boy is discovered abandoned and left for dead on a primitive homestead, his tiny legs twisted grotesquely and his belly distended from malnourishment. A baby girl whose

father has died from AIDS and whose mother has been murdered is hidden in the bush by her sisters to protect her from relatives who believe she is bewitched and are trying to kill her. But the boy is now a healthy 6 year old with an infectious grin and a disarming mischievous streak. The girl is a happy teenager with a bright smile who likes to sing and dance.

"We used to say *if* a child grows up," says Zodwa Makhanya Gama, a beautiful and confident young Swazi woman who coordinates psychosocial programs at Cabrini Ministries, helping children with the formidable challenges they face. "Now we say *when*."

*Richard Bader is a writer and communications consultant in Baltimore, and a frequent contributor to Cabrini Magazine. He visited Cabrini Ministries in Swaziland in February 2011. You can find him on the web at [www.richardbader.net](http://www.richardbader.net).*



*Top to bottom: A team from Cabrini College interviews Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, in February 2011; Children have access to running water at the hostel; A Cabrini Ministries staff member visits a homestead to dispense medicine to a sick man.*

**November 2011** – Cabrini Ministries co-director Sr. Barbara Staley visits the College to discuss the status of the partnership with President George, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne Skleder, and the faculty who have traveled and will be traveling to Swaziland, as well as visiting several ECG classes on the Orphans and Vulnerable Children topic.

**January 2012** – Three members of the Cabrini Ministries education staff visit the College for two weeks of teacher-development workshops.

**January 2012** – A third course is offered: ECG 100, Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Africa: A Call for Justice and Hope.

**March 2012** – Ben Kickert, who administers the Cabrini Ministries website ([www.cabriniministries.org](http://www.cabriniministries.org)), visits the College to become oriented to the MSCs' only institution of higher education and meet members of the Missionary Sisters office, President George, Skleder, and the faculty who have and will travel to Swaziland.

**Summer 2012 (planned)** – Skleder and Cabrini Psychology Professor Edna Barenbaum will go to Swaziland to develop a means to measure the social and emotional health of the children at Cabrini Ministries.

**By 2013 (planned)** – Cabrini College to begin sending students to spend immersion semesters at Cabrini Ministries in Swaziland.

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John Boyd



Jeremy Knowles

By David Howell

# MAKING HISTORY: CAVS ADVANCE TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Anyone who has followed Cabrini's men's basketball team's run through the season on Twitter has undoubtedly noticed the hashtag #Unit. The team even sported the logo on the back of their shooting shirts at the NCAA Final Four.

"The Unit"—comprised of 15 student-athletes, five coaches, two student managers and an athletic trainer—came together to post the best record in school history at 31-2 and ride a 22-game winning streak all the way to the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship Game.

It is a special team that does whatever it takes to be successful on the court. No one cares who gets the shots or the headlines. They pride themselves on defense and rebounding and get more juice from taking a charge than a rim rattling dunk.



Coach Marcus Kahn

NCAA

# 2012 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

DIVISION III MEN'S • SALEM, VIRGINIA

Cory Lemons



Jon Miller



On October 15, the first day of practice, the Cavaliers decided that they had the talent and drive to reach their ultimate goal of the NCAA Final Four. Every day for the next 154 days, the Blue and White took the court with one shared mission, to get better every day. Head Coach Marcus Kahn even relayed that message during his pregame speech before the NCAA Championship.

The Unit starts with the leadership of Coach Kahn and his staff. Winner of all four CSAC Coach of the Year awards since he took the reins of Cabrini's program in 2008, Kahn has led the Cavaliers to a 102-19 record.

The players and coaches feed off Kahn's friendly demeanor, creating a family atmosphere among anyone who spends time with the team. He has created a band of brothers in which every player and coach has the back of every other member of the Unit.

Kahn has definitely assembled a talented group of student-athletes. Though senior guard Cory Lemons, a D3hoops.com First Team All-American and two-time CSAC Player of the Year, receives many of the individual accolades, the Cavaliers are far from a one-man team.

All 15 players on the roster had a tremendous impact on the team's

success. Even in practice, the reserves routinely beat the starters in certain drills. It was that intense competition in practice that led to success in games.

It is also the lessons learned through adversity and the hours spent together that build the Unit's unbreakable bond. It is the lessons learned about people from diverse backgrounds that allow student-athletes to develop camaraderie off the court, which becomes trust on the court.

The Unit is bigger than any single player or coach; it is a collective that will go down in the annals of Cabrini College as one of the best teams in school history.

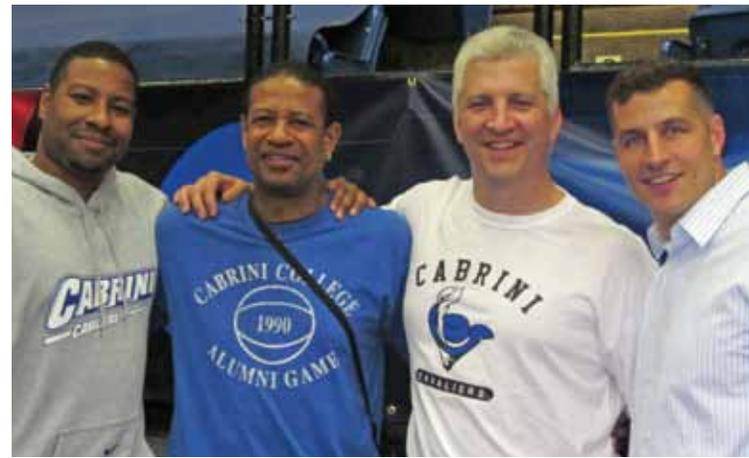
# CHAMPION



For two weeks, the Blue and White represented Cabrini on the grandest of stages in all of intercollegiate athletics, culminating with four days at the NCAA Final Four at the Salem Civic Center in Virginia.

On March 14, students, alumni, families, faculty, staff and friends rallied as the team boarded the bus for Salem. It was all about basketball Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 as many Cavs fans traveled to Salem to watch the games or to campus for a live screening in the Widener Center Lecture Hall.





### Men's Basketball Roster 2011-2012

No.	Name
2	Connor Quigley
3	Corey Frizzera
5	A.J. Williams
11	Jeremy Knowles
15	Greg Zabel
21	Fran Rafferty
22	Aaron Walton-Moss
23	Jordan Fagan
24	John Boyd
30	Cory Lemons
32	Goran Dulac
33	Abraham Bah
44	Alex Lorenzo
50	Tim Sayles
55	Jon Miller

**Head Coach:** Marcus Kahn  
**Assistant Coaches:** Saleem Brown '04, Bill Wiley, Tim McDonald, Rob Pendino



By Amy Biemiller

# VETERAN EDUCATOR SPEAKS UP

FOR HER STUDENTS, DISTRICT AND PROFESSION



After her appearance on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" on Feb. 2, 2012, Sara Ferguson G'09 posed with First Lady Michelle Obama and Ellen DeGeneres.

Photo Credit: Michael Rozman/Warner Bros.

"I always tell my students, 'Put your best foot forward. You never know who is watching you,'" says Sara Ferguson G'09. "Now they've seen this first hand and several students have told me, 'Ms. Ferguson you were right. The President was watching us!'"



"We often speak of our convictions and our beliefs but we're seldom put to the test. In Chester Upland School District, we were tested and we showed America that we put our children first."

-Sara Ferguson G'09

**T**his winter Ferguson and her school came to the attention of the White House. The Chester Upland School District was drained of funding and was not able to pay teaching staff. Speaking for herself and fellow educators, Ferguson announced that "The students don't have a contingency plan. They need to be educated, so we intend to stay on the job, without pay, as long as we are individually able."

"We often speak of our convictions and our beliefs but we're seldom put to the test. In Chester Upland School District, we were tested and we showed America that we put our children first," she says. "I'm proud of my colleagues and our commitment to our students."

Ferguson was invited to join First Lady Michelle Obama at the President's State of the Union Address in January. It was an invitation that thrilled Ferguson, and encouraged her as an educator.

"I was honored to be selected to represent American educators at the State of the Union address," she says. "As I sat in the First Lady's viewing box, I thought of my colleagues and the many educators who came before me; people whose sacrifice and hard work may have seemed to go unnoticed. Both the President and First Lady expressed

gratitude for our service and said that they are very proud of the job that we do."

Ferguson, who is a third-generation teacher, earned a master of education with a concentration in education leadership at Cabrini College in 2009. "I was raised around educators so I just do what I've seen people do all of my life," she says.

Shortly after her visit to Washington, D.C., she was invited to appear on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." During the live broadcast, which also featured First Lady Michelle Obama, DeGeneres presented Columbus Elementary School—where Ferguson teaches math and literacy—with a \$100,000 check from JCPenney.

"I never imagined that she would present my school with a \$100,000 check," says Ferguson. "Ellen is a very warm and genuine person and along with JCPenney, demonstrated her support for education. At the end of her show she addressed the students at Columbus Elementary who were watching on TV. She told them, 'Kids, we believe in you. Don't ever give up!'"

Representing her district to the nation didn't come naturally to Ferguson, but she did it with aplomb.

"Being interviewed on live radio and television was certainly a

surprise, but the presentation skills I acquired at Cabrini helped me to be comfortable and self-assured in some high pressure situations," she says.

With the school year nearing its end, things are somewhat back to normal for Ferguson and her students, although these events have served to enhance a more positive attitude in her classroom and her district.

"I see a renewed enthusiasm in everyone," she says. "We come from a city and a school district that hasn't gotten a lot of good press over the years and being recognized nationally has helped our students to see that people across America care about what happens to them."

Ferguson hopes to one day leverage her experience in the classroom into an administrative role, helping to enhance and reform an educational system that she is proud to be a part.

"As an administrator, I would like to give teachers and students the tools they need to be successful. My first love is urban education, and I would like to help novice teachers learn more about urban education and what it takes to be an effective teacher in an urban setting," she says. "Urban schools need highly motivated, highly qualified teachers."

## LETTER FROM ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT



### Dear Cabrini Alumni,

This July ends my two-year tenure as president of the Cabrini College Alumni Association. It has been a pleasure to serve the alumni body and to see the growth in our alumni events and programs.

Incoming Alumni Board President **Craig Vagell '05** and Vice President **John Verdi '03** begin their terms on July 1 (see page 24).

Many alumni will be elected to the Alumni Board this year. As a member of the Alumni Association, your vote determines these next alumni representatives who will bring fresh and innovative ideas to the College in true Cabrini spirit. I urge you to cast your ballot in the 2012 Alumni Board Election today at [www.cabrini.edu/alumniboard](http://www.cabrini.edu/alumniboard). Electronic ballots will be collected until May 11.

However, before new Alumni Board members take the reins, I still have work to do! I continue to work closely with the Alumni Board's Governance Committee to rewrite the bylaws of the Alumni Association, so they meet the needs of our ever increasing alumni body. We are a College community that is on the move, and with new leadership in the Alumni Office and on the Board, I am positive wonderful things are to come.

As I reflect on my tenure working with the Alumni Board and the Alumni Office, I am proud of our accomplishments, including initiatives such as the revitalized Class Agent Program, regional alumni groups, and the new Cavaliers in Transition Program. Alumni participation continues to grow at annual events, such as Cabrini Night at the Phillies and Team Trivia, our largest fundraising event for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. We now offer more events throughout the year for alumni of all ages to participate, including the Alumni at the Shore event and the Cabrini Alumni Sweetheart Dance, each of which drew more than 70 alumni. In addition, numbers within our Facebook and LinkedIn alumni groups continue to rise.

I hope you will become more involved with the Cabrini College Alumni Association in the years ahead and attend upcoming events, like Alumni Weekend. Cabrini is every bit as wonderful as you remember, and with your help, we can continue to grow and become everything we want to be.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Reardon Everett". The ink is dark and the signature is written on a light-colored background.

Kathy Reardon Everett '68  
President, Cabrini College Alumni Association

CABRINI ALUMNI

## Sweetheart Dance



Love was in the air at the College's inaugural Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, Feb. 18. More than 70 sweethearts, including alumni from the 1960s to the 2000s, filled the Mansion in celebration of Valentine's Day. Couples enjoyed champagne, tapas and an open bar offering signature "love potion" drinks while they danced, chatted and celebrated their love stories. Each couple received a framed Sweetheart Dance photo and a heart-shaped magnet with the message, "Our Love Story Began at Cabrini College."

The Alumni Office plans to host the second annual Cabrini Sweetheart Dance in the Mansion in February 2013.



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1. In the love story of **Will '05** and **Kristi McConnell Harmon '07**, Will wrote, "I guess you can say we fell in love at Cabrini, and in a way, never left." They are expecting their second child.

2. **Lydia Amankwah Aduamah '03** with her husband, Godson.

3. "It began on a blind dinner date arranged by Jim's sister-in-law and **Nancy Gorevin Costello '71**," **Liz McNerlin Collins '71** writes during the Sweetheart Dance about her love story with husband Jim. "I knew Jim was the one for me when he dipped the sleeve of his white cashmere sweater into the strawberry sauce. Ever since then, we've been together and it's been wonderful."

4. Eun-mi Ban smiles as husband **Robert Walters '04** writes their love story that began in Korea as a lukewarm first impression and bubbled into romance and a happy marriage.

5. **Jeffrey Foley '92** with his wife, Carol.

6. **Claire Roth '69** with husband Robert Weber, who holds a magnet they received with the message, "Our Love Story Began at Cabrini College."

7. **Michael '05** and **Kendall Neil Sofia '05** met during freshman orientation at Cabrini and will celebrate one year of marriage this year.

8. (Left to right) **Michael '01** and **Allison Hart Fineberg '01** with **Sebastian '01** and **Heather Tu Mager '03, G'08**. Both couples keep their connection to Cabrini alive; more than 25 Cabrini alumni attended the Finebergs' wedding, and the Magers had their wedding pictures taken at Cabrini in 2005.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## MEET THE INCOMING ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

In spring 2012, Cabrini's Alumni Board of Directors held elections to determine which current Alumni Board members would step up as the next president and vice president of the Alumni Association. Effective July 1, 2012, **Craig Vagell '05** will transition from his current role as vice president to succeed **Kathy Reardon Everett '68** as president, and **John M. Verdi Jr. '03** will become vice president.

### **Craig Vagell '05**

President Term:  
July 2012–June 2014

Craig Vagell, who earned a bachelor of arts in communications, is network release supervisor at ABC New York, where he coordinates programming across the country. He also is a volunteer firefighter in Cedar Knolls, N.J. As an

undergraduate, Vagell received the Mother Ursula Award and was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. After graduating, Vagell stayed on campus as a supervisor in the Communications Center, where he managed the radio station, 89.1 WYBF-FM, and the video studio. In 2008, Vagell founded a video production company, Totally Focused Productions, LLC, where he produced an independent video on firefighter safety that landed him a bronze Telly Award. That same year, Cabrini honored Vagell with the Young Alumni Award, and he began his tenure on the Alumni Board of Directors. He is completing his two-year term as vice president.

### **John M. Verdi Jr. '03**

Vice President Term:  
July 2012–June 2014

John Verdi graduated with a bachelor of arts in educational studies with a minor in history. In 2005, he received a master's in post-secondary education from Salisbury University. Verdi has served on several boards, including the executive board of the Mid-Atlantic

Association of College and University Housing Officers, where he was the executive secretary and regional co-coordinator for the Southeast Pennsylvania region. He is associate director of resident life for assignments, facilities management and summer conferences at Gwynedd-Mercy College. He has served on the Alumni Board of Directors since 2008 and chairs the Governance Committee.



"It's not until you experience the way another country lives that you can truly understand the impact you can make in the world."

—Melissa Steven '07

*In Guatemala, Melissa Steven '07 (above left) and Jeanne Lombardo '98 (above right) worked to make cement for ecologically advanced wood stoves.*

**Left:** Donald Powell '13, Bethany Bigenho '13, Brandon Desiderio '14, Jessie Merone '13, Nicole O'Dea, Melissa Steven '07 and Jenay Smith '14

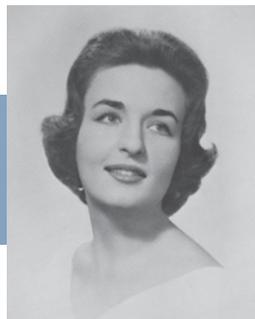


## GUATEMALA SERVICE TRIP

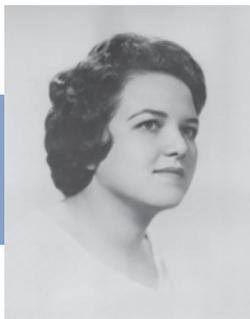
Alumni, students, and faculty members Jerry Zurek, Ph.D., and Raquel Green, Ph.D., spent spring break (March 4–11) on a service trip in Guatemala. The trip is made in partnership with Catholic Relief Services and the San Lucas Toliman Mission community to help students and alumni understand the social situation of the Guatemalan people through a "Justice Lens." Depending on the needs of the community, students and alumni work on projects such as picking fair trade coffee, emergency home construction, and expanding coffee capacity through road construction.

"I came home from Guatemala with a new appreciation for my life in the U.S. During the trip, we were immersed in the history and culture of the people. Sharing this experience with current Cabrini students (including my nephew), alumni and professors made it even more meaningful."

—Jeanne Lombardo '98



Arlene Boraczek Howard '61



Pat Keenan '62



Kathleen McGlone Lenihan '61



Joan Hogarty Mooney '62

## CABRINI COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

This year, the Cabrini College Alumni Association will celebrate its golden anniversary during Alumni Weekend (June 1–2), and through other events and communications throughout the year.

In December 1962 in New York City, **Arlene Boraczek Howard '61**, **Pat Keenan '62**, **Kathleen McGlone Lenihan '61** and **Joan Hogarty Mooney '62** formed the Alumni Association. The first formal meeting of what was then the Alumnae Association was held on April 28, 1963, in Sacred Heart Hall [renamed Founder's Hall in 1996].

A committee comprised of past presidents of the Alumni Association, Cabrini Class Agents and Alumni Board members representing all alumni decades are planning the yearlong celebration to recognize this important milestone. Alumni are invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary at Alumni Weekend, June 1–2.

## 2012 ALUMNI AWARDS

On Saturday, June 2 during Alumni Weekend, Cabrini will honor the 2012 Alumni Award recipients at the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting and Awards Brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Grace Hall.

The event will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Alumni Association, recognizing its four founders and alumni volunteers from the past 50 years. Alumni from all class years are invited to attend.

After receiving nominations from alumni, the Alumni Board of Directors selected the 2012 Alumni Award recipients:

### **Distinguished Achievement Award**

Frank Emmerich '92  
(Trustee)

### **Martha Dale Award for Distinguished Service**

Elizabeth Kanaras-Cade '83

### **Saint Frances X. Cabrini Award for Community Service**

Nancy Croley '67

### **Honorary Alumna Award**

Adeline Bethany, Ed.D.  
Professor, Fine Arts and Music

### **Young Alumni Award**

Saleem Brown '04  
Assistant Director of Admissions

**Special Recognition:** Founders of the Alumni Association Kathleen McGlone Lenihan '61, Arlene Boraczek Howard '61, Joan Hogarty Mooney '62 and Pat Keenan '62 (deceased).



# ALUMNI NEWS

## ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

Forty alumni of men's and women's basketball returned to campus on Feb. 11 to face off against former teammates. In between the women's and the men's games, the Alumni Office hosted an athletic alumni reception in the Dixon Center for alumni-athletes, their families, and current and former athletic staff.



**Top,** Former women's basketball teammates played an 11 a.m. game; **bottom,** Kris Pittman '04 (left) and Bruce MacLelland Jr. '07 during the evening men's game

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## UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

Save  
the Date

**MAY 7**

**Cabrini Classic Golf Tournament,  
Dinner and Auction**  
Waynesborough Country Club  
Paoli, Pa.

**MAY 19**

**Alumni Board Meeting**

**MAY 20**

**Commencement 2012**

10 a.m.: Undergraduate Commencement  
Noon: Reception, legacy reception & photos,  
Golden Hearts Society luncheon  
3:30 p.m.: Graduate Commencement

**JUNE 1-2**

**Alumni Weekend 2012**

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Cabrini  
College Alumni Association and milestone years  
for undergraduate classes ending in "2" and "7"



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upcoming alumni and  
friends events**

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**JULY 1-7**

**Camp Kismet in  
West Virginia**

**JULY 28**

**Alumni at the Shore**  
4-7 p.m., Golden Inn  
Avalon, N.J.

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## ALUMNUS TELLS STORY OF OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO SUCCEED

Cavaliers in Transition (CIT), a new program for alumni that offers free networking and professional development events, debuted in February 2012.



**Brian Jensen '84**, a 25-year human resources veteran who recently lost his ability to hear, fittingly presented "Overcoming Obstacles to Become the Right Candidate."

After Jensen's world suddenly went silent in 2010, he wanted to share his experience in a way that would be beneficial to others. "I thought I could talk about perseverance and use my own life as an example," Jensen said.

In his 40-minute interactive discussion, Jensen brought alumni back to the basics of what it takes to find a job and excel in any profession—people skills.

"The number one job success factor is not about the market, it is about you," he said while emphasizing that enthusiasm, focus and clarity, positive appearance and effective speech are among the traits employers are really looking for in job candidates.

Reflecting on his own experience, Jensen shared, "Human resources professionals do not have the power to say 'yes,' so build your relationship with the person who has the power to say 'yes' when applying for a job."

Workshop participants communicated with Jensen through captioning, which projects spoken words on a screen so that he could read them, and respond.

After Jensen's presentation, alumni networked with each other and College staff to exchange tips and résumé guidance.

The next Cavaliers in Transition event is planned for fall 2012.

1964

**Pamela Abbott '64** retired from Pelham Memorial Jr. High School in Westchester, N.Y., after 25 years of teaching.

**Marsha Mullet Morrow '64** is a retired journalist of 13 years. She wrote for the *Monadnock Ledger* and briefly was editor at *Peterborough Transcript*. Morrow was awarded the New Hampshire Press Association Photographer of the Year in 2000 and Writer of the Year in 2005. Currently she volunteers much of her time in her New Hampshire community.

1966

**Nancy Battaglia Gustafson '66** received the Excellence for Doing Good Award from the Alpha Delta Kappa sorority. She will be recognized at their international convention in July 2012.

1968

**Mary Beth Thomer Bailey '68** was part of a volunteer medical mission trip to the Tibetan refugee settlements in Northern India. She writes, "It was a wonderful and humbling, but very surreal, experience. The grace and courage with which these people—both native Indian and Tibetan—cope with their lives and limitations is truly astounding." Bailey encourages everyone to step out of their comfort zones and experience another culture in a service setting, and says the rewards are much greater than any expenditure of effort, time or money.

**Patricia Travers Casey '68** welcomed her fourth grandchild, Pryor Joseph Phillips, on June 5, 2011.

**Lucille Dinda Tucker '68** and her husband, Steve, are retired and live in Sun City, Texas, near their two granddaughters.

1969

**Kathy Sammartino Statton '69** is retired and currently serves on the board of the Tuscarora Lapidary Society, a non-profit organization in Brookhaven, Pa., where she also teaches jewelry making.

1971

**Susan Orlando Nuss '71** is a proud grandmother of 11.

1972

**Flora Sonia DeCurtis '72** teaches at Main Line Reform Temple School for Early Childhood Education in Wynnewood, Pa., and enjoys being a grandmother to two grandsons, ages 1 and 4.

1973

**Donna Sulpizio Bartholomew '73** has four grandchildren: Abby, Jackson, Tyler and Lily.

1976

**Theresa Alberici '76** works in the Division of Information and Education of the PA Game Commission as the Project WILD Coordinator. Last year, she received the Outstanding Coordinator of the Year Award from National Project WILD. She has two daughters: Emily, 18, and Katy, 15.

**MaryLisa Stimmler '76** is assistant principal at Forest Hill Community High School in West Palm Beach, Fla.

1977

**Susan Dennen '77** is principal of Holy Spirit High School in Absecon, N.J.

1978

**Mary Sudler Henderson '78** and her husband, Earlie, will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary on June 23, 2012.

1979

**Margaret M. Tumelty Arasz '79** has a 1-year-old granddaughter, Avery Rose.

1981

**Noreen Coyle Yoder '81** traveled to Rome for the canonization of Don Guanella in October 2011.

1982

**Frank Morelli '82** has a psychology private practice in Jacksonville, Fla., with his wife, who specializes in obsessive-compulsive disorder.

1988

**Lorraine Kintz G'88** went to West Africa in 1992 and Thailand in 2006 with the Peace Corps to teach art.

1989

**Rachel Anderson Slaughter '89** and her husband, Warren, recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

1990

**Cheryl Bearn Guzman '90** has 11-year-old twin sons, Nicholas and Robert.

1991

**Kelly McGillan '91** has taught seventh grade for 17 years at the Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School in Bridgewater, N.J. In 2011, the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District named her a teacher of the year.

1992

**Vicki Lee '92** was named one of the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* Minority Business Leaders for 2011. She is the owner of Old Philadelphia Associates, Inc., a specialty contracting company that is restoring the façade of Centre Square, one of the largest office buildings in Center City.

1993

**Karen Croasdale Lachenmayer G'93** retired after 38 years in teaching family and consumer science at Phoenixville Area High School.

**Charles Mellon G'93** is the announcer at the football and basketball games for the Salem City School District in New Jersey.

1994

**Jamie Santora '94** was elected in November 2011 to a four-year term as a councilman for Upper Darby Township. He resides in the township's Drexel Hill section with his wife, Amy, and their three children. Jamie serves as co-chair of the Cabrini Classic Auction Committee. [\(Picture\)](#)

1995

**John Knebels G'95** recently began his 31st year as the *Catholic Standard & Times* sports columnist.

1996

**Billy Carr '96** and his wife, Maureen, welcomed a 10-pound baby girl, Margaret "Greta" Kathleen, on April 27, 2011, the second birthday of their son Will. The family resides in Springfield, Pa. [\(Picture\)](#)

**Jane Van Ingen '96** is the Foundation and Corporate Relations Office at Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen in New York. She encourages Cabrini alumni to engage in volunteerism.

1997

**Andrea Kelliher '97** was named marketing manager at Mercathen P.C. She previously worked at Positive Solutions, a marketing and public relations firm she started in 2007.

**Melissa Scornavacca Young '97** is case manager supervisor for People First!, an organization dedicated to helping the homeless in Burlington County, N.J.

1998

**Stacey Caiazzo '98** married John Gunning on Jan. 8, 2011, at St. Matthew Church in Conshohocken, Pa. [\(Picture\)](#)

**Christopher Schmid '98** and his wife, Natalie, welcomed a son, Conner Jakob, on Feb. 18, 2012. Conner weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and joined sisters Alyssa and Haylie.

**Deborah Van de Grift '98** recently became a certified life coach.

1999

**Stephen Brandt '99, G'01**, principal of Roxborough High School, was featured as Roxborough-Manayunk Patch's "Greatest Person" in January 2012. [\(Picture\)](#)

**Reverend Justin Falciani '99** was installed as fourth rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Somers Point, N.J.

**Vicki Catalanotto Maumus '99** is completing a doctorate in special education at Arcadia University. She also welcomed her third child, Emmalyn, on Aug. 31, 2011.

**Rita Mazziol ADP'99** recently started her 21st year as a vocational trainer for mentally impaired adults at The Don Guanella Village in Springfield, Pa.

2000

**Chad May '00** and **Melissa Feehan May '02** welcomed their third child, Cole Ryan, on July 27, 2011. He joins sister McKenzie and brother Carter.

**Gregory Oaster ADP'00** was honored for 25 years of service at the Folcroft Fire Company in Folcroft, Pa.

**Charles Samuel Spencer '00, G'03** married Amanda Grace Sheronas on Oct. 21, 2011, at St. David's Episcopal Church in Wayne, Pa. He is director of transfer admissions and alumni admissions program at Cabrini. His wife is director of public relations for Alfred Angelo, an international bridal company. They live in Devon, Pa. [\(Picture\)](#)



Right, *Charles Samuel Spencer '00, G'03;*  
Below, *Jamie Santora '94; Stephen Brandt '99, G'01*



Right: top row, *Caroline Currie-Slizofski '98, Hillary Hoch-Chybinski '90 and Danielle Fontannay-Sekula '98;* middle row, *Hollie Havens '98 and Martha Dale;* and bottom row, *Lisa Mininno-Carnesi '98, Stacey Caiazzo-Gunning '98, Kate Brennan (former Cabrini employee) and Nancy Costello '71.*



*Children of Billy Carr '96: son Will, stepson Kyle and daughter Greta.*

2001

Sisters **Alison Briant Burley '01** and **Ellen Briant Reilly '03** were featured in a *National Catholic Reporter* story (Jan. 23, 2012) on the values of a Catholic education. Burley conducts faculty retreats and prayer services at St. Paul School in Princeton, N.J., while Reilly teaches at St. Joseph School in Newark, N.J.

**Brian Rice '01** published "Generating Awareness for the Value of a Catholic School Education via Social Media" on *Business2Community.com* in September 2011.

2002

**W. Brad Schurr '02** and his wife, Pamela, welcomed their second daughter, Kendryn, on July 11, 2011. She joins 2-year-old sister Emily.



**Above,** *Laura Cover '04, Kathleen D. Sciandra, Esq. '72 Claudia Sciandra '06, Jessica Marella Kinney '06, and Kristen Catalanotto '06; Michael Joseph Hagner III, son of Anne Dougherty '04*

2004

**Anne Dougherty '04** and Michael Hagner Jr. welcomed their first child, Michael Joseph, on Feb. 15, 2012. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. *(Picture)*

2005

**Danelle Kressirer Matlack '05** and her husband, Ian, welcomed their second child, Leighton Ella, on Jan. 13, 2012. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 19 inches. Leighton joins 2-year-old brother Liam. *(Picture)*

2006

**Noel Kirkner '06** and **Stephen Ross '08** were engaged on Dec. 25, 2011, after dating for eight years. They reside in Broomall, Pa., and are planning an April 2013 wedding.

**Claudia Sciandra '06** married John Joseph Peirce III on Nov. 12, 2011, in Phoenixville, Pa. The reception was at RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve. She is a certified public accountant, and daughter of Dr. Luigi and **Kathleen D. Sciandra, Esq. '72** of Long Island, N.Y. Her husband is a civil engineer. The bridal party included **Kristen Catalanotto '06, Jessica Marella Kinney '06** and **Laura Cover '04**. Alumni in attendance included **Sharon Benedict '72, Andrew Blecha '06, Read DeSabato '06** and **Ryan Cox '06**. *(Picture)*

**Mark Tripolitsiotis '06** married Michelle Deleo on April 16, 2011, in Stamford, Conn. *(Picture)*

**Right,** *Lori Iannella '06; Annette Donato '07; Mark Tripolitsiotis '06*  
**Below,** *Leighton Ella, daughter of Danelle Kressirer Matlack '05*



**Lori Iannella '06** *(Picture)* joined Cabrini College as alumni relations coordinator in February 2012. She is glad to be back on campus, especially because of her family connection to the College. Her husband, **Matthew Serfass '06**, is an adjunct faculty member at Cabrini and an English teacher at Stewart Middle School in Norristown, Pa. Serfass came to Cabrini following in the footsteps of his mother, **Debbie Fonash '70**.

2007

**Annette Donato '07** is engaged to marry Brian Thomas in April 2013. They reside in Washington Township, N.J. *(Picture)*



**Maria Anne D'Alessandro '07** is engaged to marry Craig Thomas Starr in May 2012. She majored in Spanish and English/Communication at Cabrini and in December 2011, she received a master's in business administration from Alvernia University. She owns an editing company. Her fiancé graduated from U.S. Army Finance School in Ft. Jackson, S.C., in 2002 as an honor graduate and finance specialist. He was a combat veteran in Operation: Enduring Freedom in Kabul, Afghanistan, and works for Knight's Rental in Wyomissing, Pa. The couple resides in Reading, Pa.

(Picture)

2008

**Jordan Harris '08**, executive director of the Philadelphia Youth Commission (PYC), was featured in a *Chestnut Hill Local* story on PYC initiatives such as the Youth Forum on Budget Challenges and Imagine 2014, a campaign to reform Philadelphia public schools.

**Monica McKeon '08** was honored with the Keystone STARS Award, which stands for: standards, training/professional development, assistance, resources, and support in early childhood development. She is interim head teacher in the preschool room at Kids Connection Learning Center in Sharon Hill, Pa.

**Brendon Murtagh '08** welcomed a daughter, Riley Marie, on Sept. 16, 2011.

2009

**Shannon Santangelo '09** completed a master's in arts and religion with a concentration in ethics at Yale University in May 2011. In September 2011, she accepted a position as international transfer pricing associate at Grant Thornton in Chicago.

2010

**Patricia Collins '10** is a second-grade teacher at Saint John the Beloved in Wilmington, Del.

**Steven Forrester '10** is studying for a master's degree in kinesiology/integrative exercise physiology at Temple University.

**Casey Lynne Horvath G'10** and Andrew Coombs were married on July 30, 2011, in Orefield, Pa. She is a special education teacher for the Allentown School District. They reside in Alburtis, Pa.

**Kasey Minnick '10** was married to Justin Lee Chyko on June 11, 2011, during a ceremony held at the Stroudsmoor Country Inn in Stroudsburg, Pa. She is employed by Advanced Audio Visual as an audio/visual technician subcontracted to Shire Pharmaceuticals in Wayne, Pa. (Picture)

**Shannon Winters '10** is beginning her second year teaching English at Archbishop Molloy High School in New York.

2011

**James Calamia '11** was featured in *The Review* for his role as Roxborough Development Corporation's operational manager. (Picture)

**Lauren Griffith '11** married Todd Williams on Nov. 19, 2011. They met in study hall during her freshmen year and his senior year of high school. They honeymooned in St. Lucia. Lauren is a 12th-grade resource teacher. (Picture)

**Jessica Skovronski '11** is engaged to marry Scott Schaeffer in October 2014.

**Tarah Ashley Triglia G'11** is engaged to Marc Chafetz. She teaches in the West Chester School District in West Chester, Pa.



Above, Maria Anne D'Alessandro '07

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Left to right, Kasey Minnick '10; Lauren Griffith '11; James Calamia '11



Behind Vonya Womack is one of several underground prisons at Gaddafi's home in Benghazi.

My favorite quote is the Afghan proverb, "Qatra qatra darya mesha" (drop by drop a river is made). Sometimes it is the little things that start a process; for me, the reward is watching the process develop, even if I only contributed a drop.

From Jan. 2-18, I taught a leadership development course in Benghazi, Libya, to more than 300 professionals in medicine, education and government. The course I led, "Systems and Strategies," was part of a series that included conflict mediation and reconciliation, the art of leadership, effective teamwork, intercultural intelligence, and management planning and strategy.

I traveled with Lisa Gibson, executive director of Peace and Prosperity

Alliance, a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Colorado Springs, Colo. Gibson's brother was on PanAm Flight 103 that exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988. After evidence revealed that the plane most likely was blown up at the order of Libyan leader Moammar Gaddafi, Gibson vowed to one day hold him accountable. She is one of few Americans to have met with Gaddafi and two of his children; after meeting Gaddafi face-to-face, she chose to forgive him. Through her journey of forgiveness, Gibson has traveled many times to Libya, focusing her energy on helping the Libyan people while building bridges of reconciliation and hope.

In Libya, Gibson and I worked with NGO Silk Road Solutions, based in Kabul, Afghanistan. Peace and Prosperity Alliance and Silk Road Solutions are among the first groups to travel to Libya for leadership development training since the Arab Spring began.

In Benghazi, the second-largest city in Libya, I toured Gaddafi's *katibas* (compounds) and even brought back some marble from his staircase. While it was interesting to walk around his former residences, it brought on a nauseating feeling when I thought of all the harm he did to his people through oppression. (For instance, every Libyan professor I spoke with had been jailed at one point by Gaddafi—sometimes for months, sometimes for years—upon their return home from studying in the United Kingdom or the United States.)

The majority of Libyans draw strength from their faith in Allah, treasure family and their relationships, and want to live a good life. Now that they have access to the Internet and have seen what the external world is like, they are pushing for change. The challenge comes in the new Libyan leaders making good decisions to establish a better society and develop the infrastructure to maintain it.

This fall, I plan to incorporate my experience in Libya into a global leadership course for the College's Master of Organization Leadership program and for an undergraduate global leadership course. Incorporating global issues of social justice into business courses is something I see as vital to engaging students in understanding business and culture from a global perspective. I plan to work with Silk Road Solutions in Afghanistan and Dubai this summer to develop women's leadership training there.

When I was in college, I spent a semester in Central America and the Middle East studying conflict and mediation, peace and justice, language, archeology and anthropology. This experience changed how I viewed others in the world, and inspired me to work for global change and the common good. I hope to one day take American students to Asia, Central America and the Middle East to study social justice and participate in people-to-people diplomacy.

# DROP BY DROP A RIVER IS MADE

By Vonya Womack, assistant professor of business administration



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Catherine DeHart '93

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# Alumni Weekend 2012

Friday, June 1–Saturday, June 2

Celebrating the Alumni Association's  
50th Anniversary & Milestone Reunions  
of Class Years Ending in "2" and "7."



**FEATURING:**

## **BLACKTHORN @ the Alumni Weekend Beef & Ale**

Locally based Celtic rock band Blackthorn will kick-off Alumni Weekend with a concert in the Dixon Center.

June 1, 6–10 p.m.

Blackthorn concert begins at 7 p.m.



## **Saturday events include:**

- Philadelphia behind-the-scenes bus tour with faculty
- 5K Campus Run, benefiting five philanthropic organizations
- 50th Anniversary Heritage Tour
- Tastings & demonstrations by Margaret Kuo, Chaddsford Winery & more
- Kid Splash
- Mansion Gala
- Alumni Awards Brunch
- And much more!

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