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Our mission calls for service to the Church, the community, the nation, and the world. Our students, faculty, and alumni respond to that call every day through their work locally and across the globe.

In 1961, under President John F. Kennedy, Americans were asked to promote peace and understanding to the peoples of developing countries through the Peace Corps. Not surprisingly, our alumni have stepped up to champion the Peace Corps’ cause over the last five decades. They know—as did President Kennedy and our founding Spiritans—that true peace is not merely the absence of hostility, but also the presence of care and concern for others.

Our cover story in this issue introduces you to alumni who have given years of their lives to the Peace Corps. Stationed in the far corners of the world, they work face-to-face and hand-in-hand with local residents to provide education and basic services, improving the quality of life. Some take up the mantle of service upon completing their studies on our Bluff; others make their way here after their international service, pursuing degrees and strengthening our region’s organizations through the Peace Corps Fellows program.

Elsewhere in these pages, students in our MBA Sustainability program travel to India and Japan, building an understanding of the environmental and ethical issues facing both developed and developing nations. On campus, an African-American philosopher with experience straddling two cultures provokes frank and fruitful dialogue among black and white, while a new dean discusses his unlikely path to academia and his mission to “help create a world in which it’s easier to be good.” Students use technology to change perceptions of a nearby neighborhood, while an alumna helps troubled youth find inner peace and purpose through artistic expression.

These are just a few examples of how our community works for peace. I’m sure that you know of many more—from your own experience as students and from your daily lives as alumni. For as Pope John Paul II explained, “When the Holy Spirit reigns in hearts, he stirs up the desire to use every effort to establish peace in relationships with others on every level: family, civic, social, political, ethnic, national, and international.” May you and yours be filled with the Spirit who gives life.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
Duquesne University President
Going the Distance:
Scholarship Efforts Focus on Students in Extended Professional Programs
You are two-thirds of the way through a long, arduous journey. The end is in sight, yet the most challenging terrain remains ahead. With the help of others, you have been assured of receiving the necessary provisions along the way. But suddenly, your supplies of food and fuel are sharply curtailed. Can you proceed? If so, at what cost? Or will you be forced to abandon your quest?

This scenario is more than a "what if?" exercise for some students pursuing professional degrees.

The vast majority of Duquesne students—88 percent—receives some form of financial aid. The University budgets more than $40 million each year for scholarships, and total aid from all sources (institutional, state, federal and private) exceeds $99 million annually.

For most students, carefully crafted packages of grants, loans and work-study are sufficient to meet their needs in pursuing a traditional four-year bachelor’s degree. But at Duquesne and other institutions, most forms of financial aid (along with many types of loans) are restricted to students in traditional four-year undergraduate programs. Specialized programs in some of Duquesne’s schools—such as the Mylan School of Pharmacy and most offerings in the John G. Rangos, Sr. School of Health Sciences—require five or six years of study. The amount of financial assistance available falls considerably once students reach the fifth and sixth year, commonly known as the “professional phase” of their studies.

The Rangos School’s six-year Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program is a prime example. “The funding options for these students are limited,” explains David L. Somers, Ph.D., chair of the Physical Therapy Department and holder of the Anna Rangos Rizakus Endowed Chair in Health Sciences and Ethics.

Independent loan agencies may be available, but their loans often come with high interest rates and unfavorable repayment terms. Many students turn to outside employment, holding down multiple jobs in attempts to offset their tuition.

“Given the academic and clinical intensity of the professional curriculum, this is a less-than-optimal condition for high achievement,” Somers says.

Others, most unfortunately, are forced to abandon their studies entirely. On average, Somers reports, one student each year leaves the professional DPT program for financial reasons.

Somers’ concern for these students hearkens back to Duquesne’s Spiritan founders. “They established the University because they wanted to provide education for those who could not afford college,” he says. “Their mission of service—and ours—remains the highest priority.”

One of the department’s graduates, Arnie Burchianti, GHS’94, is leading the effort to meet this growing need. Burchianti is the founder and CEO of Celtic Healthcare, Inc., a Pittsburgh-based provider of full-continuum home health care services with operations in several states. Celtic Healthcare recently committed $62,500 to establish an endowed scholarship fund reserved to provide need-based financial aid for fifth- and sixth-year Duquesne DPT students.

“My experience as a Duquesne student deeply influenced my professional philosophy and was, in fact, the inspiration for the founding of Celtic Healthcare,” Burchianti recounts. “As I began my practice, I recognized stark disconnects and communications breakdowns among the various disciplines of providers that were caring for patients. Duquesne taught me that integration was the key to quality care, and I set out to build an organization that practiced this concept. Our support of this scholarship reflects Celtic Healthcare’s values and will help ensure that Duquesne physical therapy students can continue their studies in a unique and transformational program.”

Celtic Healthcare’s gift will provide that support both now and forever. While the principal of an endowed fund builds, a portion of each payment the company makes will provide financial aid to a needy current student. This “hybrid” approach is increasingly popular among many donors, allowing their generosity to have both immediate and perpetual impacts on students’ lives.

This summer, another generous corporate donor added its support to this effort, as UPMC Centers for Rehab Services committed $17,500 toward DPT professional phase scholarships.

Meanwhile, the department is working with the Office of Annual Giving to launch a targeted drive offering all physical therapy alumni a chance to support professional phase scholarships.

“We are not asking to build new buildings, fill laboratories or improve our facilities,” Somers explains. “We are blessed to have these in place. Our goal is to reduce the cost of attending school here so that we can serve any qualified student who pursues Duquesne’s distinctive DPT education.”

Similar needs and opportunities exist within Duquesne’s other extended professional degree programs. For more information, please contact the Development Office at 412.396.5690.
The story of Negro Leagues slugger Josh Gibson, who has been called the greatest baseball player of his day, has been captured in a new documentary by Duquesne students.

Undergraduates in a journalism and multimedia arts class taught by Dr. Dennis Woytek, assistant professor, and Mike Clark, adjunct professor, shared a preview at the annual Jerry Malloy Negro Baseball League Conference in Pittsburgh in July. The two expect to unveil the full documentary, The Legend Behind the Plate: The Josh Gibson Story, at a campus premiere this fall (details are available at www.duq.edu).

Gibson, who led the Negro National League in home runs for 10 consecutive years, played for the Pittsburgh Crawfords and the Homestead Grays from 1927 to 1946. Previous documentaries have focused on the Negro Leagues, but none specifically on Gibson, who died three months before Jackie Robinson broke Major League Baseball’s color barrier.

To produce the documentary, several of the 11 students involved traveled to Buena Vista, Ga., Gibson’s hometown, and others visited the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Mo., and Cooperstown’s National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum. At the unveiling of Gibson’s statue this spring at the Washington Nationals Park, students interviewed Nationals’ owner Ted Lerner and players who shared the field with Josh Gibson.

In Pittsburgh, students worked closely with Gibson’s grandson, Sean Gibson, and the Josh Gibson Foundation, which rehabilitates ball fields and operates educational programs about the Negro Leagues and desegregation.

The foundation will be given rights to the 50-minute DVD, so proceeds will benefit the organization. “I am so proud of the work performed by our students, shining a light on the life of Josh Gibson, a true American hero, a Pittsburgh hero whose life story needed to be told,” says Clark. “The fieldwork led by Dr. Woytek is something our students will never forget. The people impacted by Josh’s life are many, and our students got an opportunity to meet some of them walking in Josh’s path to tell his story.”

Separating fact from larger-than-life legend produced a story even larger than Josh Gibson.

“It’s a story of one person during his lifetime, when he was not allowed to play with white team members,” says Woytek. “It’s also a story of survival, of using a God-given talent he didn’t learn. We try to teach at Duquesne that everybody has gifts that they’re able to give freely, and this passes along our mission.”
Duquesne University continues to be ranked among the nation’s best colleges, according to the U.S. News & World Report’s annual list, which was released in August.

This ranking places Duquesne among only 98 private schools nationwide to make the Best National Universities List—and among only 12 Catholic universities from a total of 1,400 schools surveyed.

“This ranking mirrors the commitment of the entire University community to academic excellence and would not be possible without the dedication and focus demonstrated by our faculty, staff and administrators,” says Dr. Charles J. Dougherty, Duquesne president.

“This serves as independent verification of the high standards set at Duquesne. Our campus community is rightfully proud of its accomplishments and will continue its commitment to our mission of serving God by serving students.”

Under Dougherty’s leadership, the University has achieved record-breaking enrollment and has attracted the most academically talented students in its history. Duquesne is developing a second strategic plan, following successful completion of its first-ever, Board-approved plan initiated by Dougherty. Additionally, the University has gained increasing external research funding and has received several academic and operational awards for its sustainability initiatives.

Other notable Catholic universities in the top tier include Notre Dame, Georgetown, Fordham, Chicago’s Loyola, Catholic University and Boston College, among others.

The annual U.S. News & World Report rankings evaluate universities on the basis of 15 different qualities, including peer assessment, graduation and retention, class size, student/faculty ratio, selectivity, SAT/ACT scores, freshman retention, alumni giving and financial resources.

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**Athletic Training Chair Receives National Honor**

Athletic trainers in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania recently honored Dr. Paula Sammarone Turocy with a $75,000 endowed National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) Research and Education Foundation scholarship in her name.

“I was so honored and surprised by this wonderful recognition. It is even more exciting, because not only am I just the second woman to have a scholarship endowed in my name, but also because my senior-level students are eligible for this scholarship that can help to subsidize their continuing education,” says Turocy, associate professor and chair of athletic training in the John G. Rangos Sr. School of Health Sciences at Duquesne.

The $2,000 Paula Sammarone Turocy Post Graduate Scholarship will provide financial support for athletic training graduate students who exhibit academic excellence and leadership. Juniors and seniors enrolled in the 360 accredited athletic training programs across the nation are eligible for the scholarship.

“This is a tremendous testament to Dr. Turocy by her peers and an honor for the Rangos School of Health Sciences and Duquesne University,” says University President Dr. Charles J. Dougherty.

Turocy is an accomplished researcher and scholar with a national reputation in the field of athletic training. She recently completed her term as the inaugural chair of the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, a national specialized professional accrediting agency that accredits approximately 360 athletic training educational programs nationally.

A member of the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame, Turocy is a past recipient of the NATA Sayers “Bud” Miller Distinguished Educator Award, the NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer, NATA Service Award and the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society’s Distinguished Merit Award.

Turocy is the founding chair of Duquesne’s athletic training program and she held the inaugural Anna L. Rangos Rizakus Endowed Chair for Health Sciences and Ethics.
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During Jennifer Fox Freeman’s memorable trip to Costa Rica in 2007, a huge boa constrictor lounged on the road in front of her vehicle. An active volcano was the star attraction from the window of her hotel room. And a zip line through the treetops invited adventure. All the sights came with the territory in a country known for its ecotourism.

But Freeman, A’98, wasn’t a tourist. She was in the country overseeing a photo shoot on ecotourism for her employer. Freeman is an art director for Corbis, a company that owns one of the world’s largest collections of photography. She has traveled to South Africa, Spain, France, Italy, Canada and throughout the United States for her job planning photo shoots, composing images and directing photographers and models on-site.
Freeman is part of the company’s team of art directors overseeing new photography for Corbis based on the company’s global research into cultural and visual trends. The company plans new images each year for its business, lifestyle, travel, education, medical and numerous other collections.

Corbis currently has more than 100 million contemporary and historical images, the largest grouping of rights-managed and royalty-free images in the world. Corporations, advertising agencies, publishers and media outlets look to the company to license distinctive images, illustrations and video. It is the owner of some of the century’s most recognizable photos, including photojournalism from the Bettmann collection and media partners including Reuters. Corbis owns images from Ansel Adams, the Smithsonian, the Andy Warhol Foundation and other institutions.

Freeman says working for Corbis for the past three years has been interesting, particularly the world travel.

“We were in Costa Rica about a week, with two teams taking about 300 images,” says Freeman, who managed one of the two photographers on the job.

Before leaving the United States, Freeman and other members of the art direction team viewed location shots provided by local scouts, discussed types of models, selected photographers and created shoot lists. When she is on location she composes shots, ensures that the photographer gets necessary images and keeps the day moving along efficiently.

Freeman has worked for Corbis in its New York City offices since 2006, when she was recruited from a New York agency that used medical imagery in its pharmaceutical advertising.

Freeman always had an interest in pharmacy, entering Duquesne University to study Pharm.D. after receiving a scholarship for swimming. She continued swimming all four years (serving as co-captain of the team during her junior and senior years), but switched majors at the start of her junior year when her passion for art overtook her interest in health care. In 1998, she graduated with a B.A. in communications with a minor in fine arts.

“I loved attending Duquesne. The school made me feel at home in a new city,” says Freeman, a native of Allentown, Pa. “The liberal arts courses opened my thinking and made me realize that I could pursue my first love, art, and make a career of it.”

Freeman (then Jennifer Fox) moved to New York City the summer after graduation and began working for a small advertising agency. And, she eventually worked her way up to the position of art director.

Today her work mainly keeps her in New York with occasional travel to other parts of the United States. Lately she has been part of a creative production team working with photographers on new “royalty bearing images,” images that are not wholly owned by Corbis. The photographers tap into the company’s research into visual trends and what images will sell in the marketplace as well as the expertise of Corbis’ art directors.

In her free time, Freeman creates fine art pieces. Her recent cityscape collages, composed of matchbooks from New York restaurants and nightclubs, provide a “vibe of the city,” she says. Freeman sells the works at craft shows and a boutique in Long Island City. She is working on a series on other cities including San Francisco, San Diego and Alexandria, Va.

Freeman lives in New York City’s Upper East Side with her husband, Brian, B’98, and their daughter, Addison, who turns a year old in November.

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Jennifer Fox Freeman in action, art directing on the street in front of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.
From the **Bench** to our **Bluff**

--- **BY MEGAN TRESSLER** ---

Judge Sandra Dougherty is Happy to be in Pittsburgh Full Time
Over the summer, Judge Sandra Dougherty and her husband, Duquesne President Charles Dougherty, welcomed a friend from Omaha, Neb., to Pittsburgh. A Duquesne alumnus, their friend had not visited campus in many years. He enjoyed seeing familiar landmarks across our Bluff, but he also marveled at the beautiful campus growth and development.

In some ways, Sandra Dougherty is also rediscovering Duquesne. After spending eight years commuting to Pittsburgh from Omaha, Dougherty has retired as a district court judge for Nebraska’s Douglas County and is now a full-time Pittsburgher. “I’m thrilled to be here,” she says. “The Duquesne community has been very warm and welcoming.”

Dougherty’s life took an unexpected turn in 1998, when then-Nebraska governor Ben Nelson appointed her to the bench. Up until then, she was a lawyer in private practice. She had spent the previous two decades raising two children, attending law school at Creighton University, clerking for federal judges and practicing civil employment law. Dougherty, like her husband, was always drawn to pursuits that would provide an intellectual challenge. The couple met in a freshman English class at St. Bonaventure University. They both attended graduate school at the University of Notre Dame—she received a master’s degree in American history and he received a Ph.D. in philosophy. They married in 1972 and moved to Omaha in 1975, after Charles Dougherty was offered a teaching position at Creighton University.

When their two children—son, Justin, and daughter, Connie—were in school, Sandra Dougherty decided to go to law school. “I always had certain goals,” she says. “I’m a product of Catholic education—starting with grade school—and I wanted to serve the community for the greater good.” She graduated first in her class. “It was the right fit for me,” says Sandra Dougherty. “I was intellectually challenged by the work. I still love the law.”

She began clerking for two federal judges, both of whom influenced her choice to pursue a career in the courtroom. Up until that point, she envisioned simply practicing law, not being a part of the judiciary. After working in private practice and even starting her own firm with a group of seven other lawyers, she started the long journey of becoming a judge, which included an application process, approval from an eight-member board, a public hearing, interview with the governor, and, finally, approval of the governor. In 1998, she received a phone call from Governor Nelson, telling her that she had been picked to be a district judge. “I was thrilled, honored and humbled,” she recalls.

At the same time, Charles Dougherty was considering an executive position in academics, specifically a university presidency. Because the president of their local university, Creighton, had to be a Jesuit, the Doughertys knew they may eventually pursue their dream jobs in different cities.

In 2001, Charles Dougherty was appointed president of Duquesne. The couple put their plan in action: she would remain in Omaha and he would live in Pittsburgh, but they would commute back and forth as much as possible. “We had conversations over the years and knew this was a possibility,” says Sandra Dougherty. She soon began a schedule of commuting to Pittsburgh every other weekend, specifically planning her trips around Duquesne functions so that she could be on campus as much as possible for University events.

While Charles Dougherty set an ambitious strategy for the University’s growth and development, Sandra Dougherty was presiding over a variety of cases, including custody disputes, civil matters and several first-degree murder cases. She was retained in office by voters in 2002 and 2008. “I loved it,” she says. “I learned something new every day.”

On April 1, the day after she retired, she flew to Pittsburgh with her mother, who is living with the couple. Since then, she has traveled with her husband, meeting alumni around the country. “They have positive stories about the impact Duquesne has had on their lives and careers,” says Sandra Dougherty. “Those experiences are pretty important to folks and rightfully so.”

She’s still passionate about the law and may do some type of legal work on a limited basis, however she says, “I’m not rushing into anything.” For now, she’s enjoying her hobbies—including reading mysteries (she’s been in a book club for 10 years) and cooking. The couple is enjoying time with their children and grandson, Joseph, who is almost 3.

Sandra Dougherty is excited about an expanded role with Duquesne. “I look forward to meeting more people in Pittsburgh and contributing in some fashion to the betterment of the University,” she says.
Students Study Healthcare Disparities in Africa

Students from the Rangos School of Health Sciences, led by Dean Gregory Frazer, traveled across the African continent last May to learn how healthcare practices differ around the world.

The dean, students and occupational therapy instructor Anne Marie Witchger-Hansen visited hospitals, ambulatory clinics and public health facilities in Tanzania and Tunisia to study the disparities in disease control and healthcare delivery systems. Highlights of their three-week trip are pictured here.

Africa—and the Spiritan involvement there—is a big part of Duquesne’s new five-year strategic plan. The plan calls for a new emphasis on Africa and the African diaspora, specifically an interdisciplinary program on Africa and the African diaspora and the call for African Spiritans to consider Duquesne University their own. While
Duquesne has long had connections with African Spiritan initiatives, and has spearheaded educational and humanitarian endeavors in Africa, this renewed focus will showcase special programs and partnerships taking place between Duquesne and many African nations as the University continues to emphasize its Spiritan identity and mission.

**Spiritan Mission and Ministry Thriving in Tanzania**

“My heart is with the Africans.”

This declaration is attributed to the Venerable Francis Libermann, co-founder of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and a pioneer of missionary outreach to Africa in the 19th century. Libermann's legacy continues today as Spiritans carry on his mission of evangelization throughout the African continent.

Currently, the Tanzania Province, under the direction of Provincial Superior Rev. Joseph Schio, C.S.Sp., includes more than 100 members who advocate a holistic approach to evangelization, integrating spiritual ministry with liberation through education and health initiatives.

The Tanzania ministries include:

- **First Evangelization:** Spreading the Gospel message to people of many African countries, with a special focus on the Maasai in north central Tanzania.

- **Refuge Ministry:** Caring for the poor and disadvantaged in western Tanzania, Kigoma diocese.

- **Interreligious Dialogue:** Reaching out to those of different faiths, including Muslims and African traditional religions, in Zanzibar, Pemba, Bagamoyo and Dar es Salaam.

- **Health Care:** Delivering services and sharing knowledge about wellness, prevention and disease management in the Arusha region.

- **Education:** Educating African youth at Spiritan-owned and Spiritan-managed primary, secondary and vocational schools in Bagamoyo, Mbezi, Arusha, Tengeru, Magamba, Kipawa and Kasumo.

- **Pastoral Ministry:** Serving the faithful in 13 parishes, including Mbeya, Moshi, Dar es Salaam, Morogoro and Arusha regions.

**DU Partnerships in Nigeria a Success**

In May, Theology Professor Dr. George Worgul traveled to Nigeria to visit two institutions affiliated with Duquesne: Dominican University and the Spiritan International School of Theology (SIST).

Dr. Worgul confers graduate degrees.

There, he presided over a graduation ceremony, evaluated programs, and held meetings with faculty and staff about current programs and future plans. The Nigerian schools presently grant a master’s degree in theology through their affiliation with Duquesne.

“You listen, that’s the most important thing,” says Worgul. “And you ask how you can help them to achieve their own dreams and aspirations.”

The three institutions are exploring the idea of partnering to create a doctoral program in mission theology and contextual theology, and also hoping to facilitate more faculty exchanges between them. Worgul says, “It is my dream that more and more African Spiritans take an active role in Duquesne and bring their wonderful gifts and talents. When they come to Duquesne, all members of our community will be enriched and challenged. These African Spiritans will deepen and broaden our Spiritan identity and mission.”

Nigeria is extremely important to the Spiritan Congregation, according to Worgul: it is one of the largest Spiritan Provinces in the world, providing almost 45 percent of all Spiritans ordained around the globe; and it is the main place that Spiritans in West Africa are trained.

Worgul is very excited about SIST and Dominican students and faculty. “I’m proud we’re affiliated with them and are making some kind of connection with them,” he says.

Worgul travels to Nigeria every two years to assess Duquesne’s partnerships there. The affiliations have been in place for 17 years. Similar affiliations may be made in other parts of Africa, as that continent continues to play a large role in shaping the Spiritan Congregation.

“Spiritans know that Africa will be the future,” says Worgul.
Adrienne Hunter, GE’91, effortlessly reaches across boundaries to create community support for her students. A pioneer in teaching art to at-risk, in-crisis and incarcerated youth, Hunter is always thinking about ways to show her special students that other people will value their work, too.

She convinced a retailer to display students’ shoe designs in a store window where they generated interest from customers and the local media. She taught students how to quilt and then donated the finished products to grateful AIDS patients. She arranged for students to paint murals at community centers, schools and detention centers. She partnered her students with senior citizens and young adults from local colleges. Hunter’s inventive community connections go on and on.

“There is never a dull moment with Adrienne. She creates magic inside and outside the classroom,” says Athena Petrolias, director of alternative education at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) in Pittsburgh. Hunter has worked as an art teacher for the AIU since 1974, designing programs for and instructing students in crisis shelters, alternative secondary schools and security institutions. She created AIU’s art curriculum at a shelter for delinquent youths, a county jail and...
Alumna: Adrienne Hunter
Residence: Pittsburgh, Pa.
Family: Husband, John; daughter, Oriana, 30; son, Matthew, 25
Duquesne Education: Master of Science in Special Education, 1991
Select Honors & Awards: Special Needs Art Educator of the Year, National Art Education Assoc., VSA Arts and Council for Exceptional Children, 2008
Fulbright Teacher Memorial Fund Scholarship, 2001
Pennsylvania Secondary Art Educator of the Year, 1996

Alternative education high schools. Over the years she has worked with students from age 6 to 21.

“With this challenging population, Adrienne shines,” says Petrolias, in nominating Hunter for a statewide award. “She creates a positive environment. The students can’t wait until she arrives. It’s so refreshing to see students previously ‘turned off’ by school excited to go to class.”

Most recently Hunter worked in shelter education centers teaching young people ages 13 to 21 who had been removed from their homes for a variety of reasons. She served as a stabilizing factor in the lives of many of the children she instructed.

“Life can be so difficult for them,” says Hunter, noting that many are reluctant to show creativity and worry about doing something wrong. “The challenge is getting students to see that with art, there are many ways to accomplish things. They don’t need to fear failure in the art room.” She must instead teach them to take emotional risks necessary to be creative, she says.

Students learn problem solving and other lessons that apply to their lives outside the classroom. “They recognize that when something doesn’t work, try something else.”

For more than 35 years, Hunter has forged new ground in reaching special population students through art. She is retiring from the AIU this year, but she won’t completely leave the profession she loves. She intends to teach a few classes and continue her work as a fiber artist. She is leaving full-time teaching only because of health concerns related to lupus, a chronic inflammatory disease she’s battled since 1986.

“My health problems probably have made me accomplish more in my life,” says Hunter, ever the optimist.

She decided to attend graduate school despite her condition, and Duquesne University welcomed her with open arms, she says.

“It was a huge investment for me to do the graduate program [in special education], but Duquesne told me ‘we will do whatever it takes to help you succeed.’ Everyone was so supportive.”

She credits Sister Julia Hartzog, the former head of Duquesne’s special education department, with being a major influence on her career. Now Hunter is helping to form a new generation of students in the field through a textbook published by the National Art Education Association.

“An art program built on trust and sensitivity to students’ needs can reach even the most difficult student,” Hunter says in a chapter she co-authored about using art to reach students who have emotional and behavior disorders. The book outlines how teachers can use in the classroom information about issues students face and how teachers can create partnerships to help students establish a sense of community, among other topics. Reaching and Teaching Students with Special Needs is now in its third printing.

“One of Adrienne’s many strengths is that she has always been a student in addition to being an educator,” says Petrolias. “It’s a good lesson for people starting out in the field. Adrienne is always willing to ask questions and break new ground. And she asks the same of her students.”

Hunter agrees that she asks a lot of her students but says they always rise to the challenge. “If you tell the students you want to see museum quality work, and if you have high expectations for them,” she says in the textbook, “they will meet your expectations.”

Hunter also sets high expectations for her own artwork, which has been exhibited at juried shows in the United States and Australia.

“I have always felt that it was important to maintain my standing as an artist,” says Hunter, always the teacher. “It provides a strong example for the students, and this shows in the classroom.”
Students Break Ground with Community Resources Map

— BY KAREN FERRICK-ROMAN —

The first Web-based, interactive map pinpointing a spectrum of community resources of Pittsburgh’s Hill District neighborhood has been unveiled by Duquesne University honors students—and may be a groundbreaking use of Google maps.

McAnulty College Associate Dean Dr. Evan Stoddard, who taught the spring Community and University Honors Seminar class, believes this is the first time Google maps have been used to show a community’s assets. His students submitted an entry to Google’s blog to explain the highly specialized application of their technology.

The map was created to help combat negative stereotypes of the Hill District and to provide an interactive, Web-based resource for others, says Stoddard.

“This project focused on a neighborhood near the University that is in the midst of new developments,” he says. “Because of its cultural history and varied resources, the Hill District has much to offer the wider community.”

The Hill is poised for new development, including the Consol Energy Center, which will be the new home of the Pittsburgh Penguins, a supermarket and a state-of-the-art YMCA. Interest is increasing in green technology and community-based green groups. All of this activity makes the Hill an important and attractive draw for Pittsburghers and out-of-town visitors alike, says Terri Baltimore, A’82, vice president of neighborhood development for the Hill House Association.

Baltimore already has directed planning consultants interested in working in the neighborhood to the Web site. “It gives people a chance to see the community institutions, churches, schools and green spaces as well,” says Baltimore. “The map gives people an insider’s view. Visitors to the site will be surprised at the cultural history and beautiful green areas on the Hill. There are very cool places here, like a farm and a geothermal pump.”

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The map was created to help combat negative stereotypes of the Hill District and to provide an interactive, Web-based resource for others, says Stoddard.

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“Individuals may use this information for their own activities, and organizations may choose to use the information to build partnerships and seek collaborations,” says Stoddard.

Brief descriptions of each resource, pictures and contact information on the map allow these resources to be easily located. The online map is formatted so that more information is available with a simple click. The format also allows future additions and changes to be made, and students are hopeful that another organization will step forward to maintain the Web site and update information.

“This map can continue to grow to include new things,” says Baltimore. “A few months from now, a year from now, the map can change to show the positive opportunities the Hill has.”

In completing the project, students felt the biggest learning curve came in gaining entrance to a community that they had previously been discouraged from visiting.

“Having their preconceptions bump up against reality was their biggest surprise,” agrees Baltimore. “They came to this neighborhood not expecting to find hills and valleys and hills on top of hills. The students didn’t expect to find a place where residents would stop, talk and engage them. They didn’t expect to find folk willing to share their stories of the Hill District. But they got all of those things. This experience teaches them how to enter in a neighborhood with respect. That lesson is important, and not only for this project.”

As a service-learning initiative, the seminar included both academic and hands-on research, helping to create an online, searchable annotated bibliography. Because the seminar aims to address a community need, the first step is for students to learn about the community. “They don’t start with a project; they ask, ‘What would be helpful?’” explains Stoddard.

A critical part of service-learning is reflecting on what was learned.

“Many of the students say this is different from anything they’ve done before,” says Stoddard. “Our mission says we serve God by serving students and we help students in terms of serving God and others. I’m trying to help prepare students for a lifetime of service, both by giving them a set of skills that will help them and outlining the ethics of service.

“It’s not to look down on people or reach down to people, but to work in partnership with people so that Duquesne is a good neighbor, but also so my students can be community leaders themselves in the future, that they will want to be leaders and will have the confidence to step into communities and try to make a difference there.”

Visit http://sites.google.com/site/hilldistrictassets/ to access the map and photos.
In March, Dave Dellana, B’76, and Rich Esposito, B’77, traveled to Whistler/Blackcomb near Vancouver, Canada, for an annual ski trip. Dave resides in Phoenix, Ariz., and is the vice president of commercial real estate for National Bank of Arizona. Rich resides in Pittsburgh and is the director of financial aid at Duquesne.

While on spring break from teaching first grade, Kathy Hawthorne-Bolner, E’05, took her Duquesne University Magazine to Colorado for a skiing vacation. She is pictured here at the Continental Divide, high atop the Rocky Mountains.

In May, Capt. Lynsay Whelan, GHS’06, and Col. George Holzer, whose son Michael is currently a senior in the School of Business, showed their Duquesne pride while serving near Baghdad, Iraq, with the 115th Combat Support Hospital.

Two DU alumni—Efthymios Efthymiou, B’89, MBA’90, and Fabian Vaz, B’88—recently visited Petra Tou Romiou in Greece, the mythical birthplace of the goddess Aphrodite. Fabian also met up with Danae Nicolaou, B’92, MBA’93, and spent four days touring various ruins and historical churches.

Patrick M. Joyce, A’71, and his wife, Rita Ferko Joyce, A’71, L’75, shared a family reunion with son Jesse F. Joyce, A’00, and Haley Joy Kozlowski, A’00. They are shown at Shelburne Harbour, Nova Scotia. The celebration was in honor of the safe return of Capt. Matt Joyce after 15 months in Iraq. His fiancée, Nakita Moore, accompanied them.

Tom Fallon, A’62, and his wife, Bev Fallon, A’95, recently returned from an Alaskan cruise. This picture was taken on the White Pass Railway, built during the Klondike Gold Rush in 1898, in Skagway, Alaska.


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Making it Easier to be Good

Christopher Duncan, the new dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, is a scholar whose work focuses on making it easier for people to do the right thing.

Just one week into his college career, Christopher Duncan, the newly appointed dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, made an important decision: “I started college as a hotel and restaurant management major,” recalls Duncan, “and after the first week of my first philosophy class I was a philosophy major.”

A scholar whose credentials include two books on political thought and two decades of award-winning teaching, Duncan still possesses the undergraduate philosophy major’s eagerness to immerse himself in complex issues. His writings deal with the vexing perennial problems of American civic life, such as the infusion of religious ideas into political discourse or the difficulty of achieving community goals in a culture of exalted individualism.

Throughout his work, achieving fundamental social change and an ideal he terms “human flourishing” are core concepts and constant themes.

For Duncan, human flourishing, if it is to be achieved, demands that each of us confront a difficult question: “What does it mean to be a human being fully—body, mind and spirit?” Higher education, Duncan has found, can help us answer that question.

Over the years his scholarly investigations have revealed that the intellectual tradition of the Catholic Church also offers a wellspring of ideas about human flourishing.

“There is a better and stronger anthropology in Catholicism,” explains Duncan, pointing out that Catholics have worked for social justice and the Church has been pointing out the way for people to become fully alive for more than 2,000 years. That realization was far more than an intellectual acknowledgement for Duncan, and he converted to the Roman Catholic faith 12 years ago.

Notwithstanding his scholarly credentials, Duncan uses simple words to express a lofty aim. “I want to help create a world in which it’s easier for people to be good,” he says, discussing the impulse that led him to embrace the scholar’s life and the Catholic faith.

Few could predict Duncan would have such a goal at the outset of his college career. “I had a very limited sense of what was possible,” says Duncan, referring to his upbringing and education. “We just didn’t talk a whole lot about college.”

The oldest son, and the first in his family to attend college, Duncan grew up in Detroit. Duncan was a good student, but without any sense of how education might transform him other than to help him secure a livelihood.

He chose to attend the University of Michigan’s Dearborn campus, a selection made solely for the location. The school was just minutes from home, and until he answered roll call in his first class, Duncan never had paid the campus a visit.

Having worked in restaurants throughout high school, he settled on a bachelor’s program in hotel and restaurant management. Ideas about alternate career choices would come later, but Duncan’s perspective on the value of a higher education changed almost immediately.

In his introductory philosophy class, secure assumptions were transformed into open questions. “Easy opinions were not so easy anymore,” he says, describing the experience that steered him toward his vocation. For Duncan and a clique of like-minded students, questions such as “Does God exist?” or “How can one discern good from evil?” not only sparked classroom debate, the discussions spilled over into after-class time. That intellectual workout, marshaling arguments and clarifying and defending viewpoints, immediately and profoundly energized Duncan’s thinking.

His father was supportive but concerned when Duncan announced that he would be switching his major to philosophy. Duncan remembers his father offering the observation that he had “never seen an ad in a newspaper for a philosopher.” “Most of the people in my world worked with their hands,” says Duncan.

But the path was chosen. By day, Duncan took the classes that interested him and at night worked, sometimes 40 hours a week. For a time he managed the Soup Kitchen Saloon, a Detroit nightspot where legendary blues artists like Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker and Big Mama Thornton performed. Duncan remembers thinking then that he was on his way to becoming “the best educated bartender in Detroit.”

Goaded into graduating by the realization that he had taken practically all the undergraduate courses that interested him during his six-year matriculation, Duncan, who says that he was “not ready to stop thinking and reading and writing,” headed for graduate studies in political science at Wayne State University. “I wanted to learn how to change the world,” he says about his mindset during graduate school.

After earning a doctorate he joined the political science faculty at Mississippi State University in 1992, and then in 2001 that of the University of Dayton, where he served as chair of political science and was instrumental in creating the nation’s first interdisciplinary bachelor’s degree in human rights.
At both Mississippi State and Dayton, Duncan taught a wide variety of political science course work and accumulated a lengthy list of honors and accomplishments. Over time he has also refined his personal political philosophy.

Duncan today applies a Christian ethic to social change. Early on he had read the works of Karl Marx and other political theorists who advocated the use of state power or violence to achieve their ends, but one by one he examined and rejected those arguments. “I was looking for something that I was comfortable defending,” says Duncan, explaining the intellectual journey that took him to the teachings of Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi and the Gospels.

In his writings and personal life Duncan pays close attention to Christ’s injunction to “Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and unto God the things that are God’s.” (Matthew 22:21)

American Christians, Duncan believes, can sometimes make the mistake of being Americans first and Christians second—Christians whose theological beliefs are difficult to distinguish from their opinions about political power, the social order and America’s role in world affairs.

Calling himself a “Christian communitarian,” Duncan sees individual rights as being circumscribed by the needs of the community, a viewpoint shared by Catholic thinkers such as Pope John Paul II and Dorothy Day, the founder of the Catholic Worker movement.

Duncan, whose first day as dean was July 1, is certain that Duquesne, with its undergraduate core curriculum built on the humanities and a mission based on service to others will offer unique opportunities to the dean of liberal arts. He is particularly eager to work with faculty members in each of the McAnulty College’s 12 departments to advance the University’s tradition of scholarship and service.

Duncan’s view of the academic disciplines is holistic, and he sees great potential in the coming years to create more—and more effective—collaborations among academic departments and University schools. “All of the problems facing us today are multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary in nature,” says Duncan, of the challenge and opportunity that social problems provide.

“We need all of the disciplines on some level to answer the questions that face us.”

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Christopher Duncan
Earlier this year, Duquesne bestowed honorary degrees to an esteemed alumnus and friends of the University, including composer John Adams, physician Dr. Martin Charles Mihm, Jr. and business executive John P. Surma.

“These three men serve as distinguished examples to our recent graduates and also to the University community,” says Duquesne President Charles Dougherty. “They have used their talents and skills to hone their craft and create inspirational careers.”

### John Adams

Adams is one of today’s leading composers and one of very few whose works are appreciated in both the opera house and concert hall.

Major American and European companies present his operas—*Nixon in China*, *The Death of Klinghoffer* and *Doctor Atomic*—to enthusiastic audiences. The world’s preeminent orchestras perform *Naive and Sentimental Music*, *Violin Concerto*, *Shaker Loops*, *Harmonielehre* and other works, including *Short Ride in a Fast Machine*, one of the most frequently performed works by a living American composer.

His composition, *On the Transmigration of Souls*, a deeply felt commemoration of lives lost in the 2001 World Trade Center attack, earned a Pulitzer Prize in Music, and a recent recording of it garnered Grammy Awards in three categories: Best Classical Recording, Best Orchestral Performance and Best Classical Contemporary Composition.

Professional musicians the world over recognize his mastery. He has been the composer-in-residence at the San Francisco Symphony and Carnegie Hall. The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra named him its Composer of the Year.

He has appeared as a guest conductor with the London Symphony Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and New York Philharmonic as well as with the Pittsburgh Symphony and orchestras in Atlanta, Stockholm, San Francisco and Detroit.

He not only has the respect and admiration of critics and peers, audiences love his work. A music critic writing recently in *The New Yorker* put it best, “John Adams has won his eminence fair and square: he has aimed high, he has addressed life as it is lived now and he has found a language that makes sense to a wide audience.”
Martin Charles Mihm, Jr., M.D.

Mihm, A’55, was recognized both for his humanitarian work and for his career as a renowned physician.

One of the most respected cancer specialists in the world, he is recognized as a pioneer in the treatment of malignant melanoma. As an undergraduate student at Duquesne, he earned the Gold Medal for Excellence and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in political science.

Then, after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, he broke new ground by uniting the sciences of dermatology and pathology. In doing so, he took on a challenge to develop a largely uncharted area of medicine, and the new discipline he helped to create—dermatopathology—has made possible the microscopic diagnosis of skin lesions.

Because of his work in this area, Massachusetts General Hospital chose him as their chief resident in dermatology, and there with colleagues he established a clinic for diagnosing and treating melanoma. Eventually he was appointed senior dermatopathologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, and later, clinical professor of pathology at Harvard Medical School.

More important, he is a physician whose faith is revealed in humanitarian works. In 1985, he volunteered at a Calcutta leprosarium, a leper colony, operated by Mother Teresa’s religious order. The next year, he joined the World Health Organization where he became co-director of the Melanoma Pathology Program and the international coordinator for the World Health Organization Rare Tumor Institute. Recently, he established a badly needed free clinic in Ho Chi Minh City for children who suffer from rare skin diseases.

At the start of his medical career, the survival rate for malignant melanoma was 20 percent. Today, it is 80 percent, and much of the credit for making that success possible is due to his efforts as a scientist, a physician and an educator.

John P. Surma

Surma is a visionary businessman and community leader. A native of Pittsburgh, he attended Penn State University, where he received a bachelor’s degree in accounting. After joining the prestigious accounting firm of Price Waterhouse LLP in 1976, he quickly became a manager, and shortly thereafter was appointed to serve in its Manchester, England, office where he gained valuable international business experience.

Later, he participated in the President’s Executive Exchange Program in Washington, D.C., and served as executive staff assistant to the vice chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. He continued to excel, and because of his accomplishments was named a partner at Price Waterhouse in 1987. He joined Marathon Oil Company in 1997, then a part of USX Corporation, and served as one of the primary architects of the largest petroleum refining and marketing joint ventures between Marathon and Ashland Oil.

Now, he is an innovator and an admired executive in the steel industry. In September 2001, he joined United States Steel Corporation, and became vice chairman and CFO just one year later, and chairman and CEO just a few years after that.

He has proven his commitment to the steel industry and the Pittsburgh region, and that commitment has been widely recognized. Pittsburgh Technology Council named him CEO of the Year in 2007, the first time a major manufacturer’s chief executive received the organization’s top honor.

In addition to those impressive professional achievements, he is an active community leader. He serves as the chairman of the board of directors of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, and just two years ago served as the campaign chair of the United Way of Allegheny County when the organization had a record fundraising year.
Sustainability: A Critical Issue Across Continents

MBA Students Visit India & Japan

— BY KAREN FERRICK-ROMAN —

Sustainability means something different in the United States, India and Japan. Yet, in each culture, with different resources and needs, sustainability was the thread pulling together 23 graduate students and seven faculty members from Duquesne University with their counterparts abroad in May.

“This trip was put together because the challenges of sustainability are often very U.S.-centric,” says Dr. Nagaraj Sivasubramaniam, former director of the MBA Sustainability (SMBA) program, a native of India and organizer of the first India study planned by the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business. “When you go to India, you see how very far ahead they are. My goal was to take the students so they see the challenges firsthand.”

“From a sustainability perspective, India illustrates the challenges the world faces regarding resource constraints, infrastructure development, availability of clean water and the inherent stresses of a large and growing population,” says Dr. William E. Spangler, associate dean for academic affairs in the business school, and one of the faculty members on the trip.

In a land that is one-third the size of the United States but four times its population, sustainability presents itself through a different prism, says SMBA student Aaron Meyers, a former Peace Corps member in Honduras. “If they don’t do things a sustainable way in India, things will fall down and the pieces will no longer fit.”

The interconnected systems play against the backdrop of extremes in wealth, providing Meyers a takeaway lesson. “There is a fine line between having to do sustainability out of necessity and having to do it out of strategic choice,” he says. “If we don’t make better decisions, it’ll no longer be a choice.”

In Japan, Duquesne’s third consecutive group of MBA students to visit this country witnessed sustainability as part of many processes. Diane Ramos, assistant director of the SMBA program, observes a “significant shift” from her visit two years ago.

“I think there was less discussion of social and environmental responsibility as strategic issues in 2007. Instead, there was an implicit recognition that a country with over 3,000 islands, limited natural resources and virtually no landfill space, had to learn to live with constraints,” says Ramos. “This time, Japanese companies and government were presented as leaders and innovators in the global sustainability movement.”

Practicality evolves in different ways in these densely populated countries. Waste—or lack of it—was noticeable on Japan’s streets. “Instead of recycling their trash,” says SMBA student Andrew Sunday, “they just do not create it. It is seen as rude to be moving from place to place while drinking on the run.”

Although the Japanese don’t eat on the go, Duquesne travelers were surprised to find so many vending machines stocked with food, water, soda, alcoholic beverages, toiletries and small packaged goods along the streets. Another paradox observed by student Kris Clements is that all “department store purchases are carefully wrapped with decorated paper,” causing one to wonder what happens to all the extra wrapping and packaging materials when shoppers get home.

Meanwhile, trash is everywhere...
In India, yet it is reused, according to Dr. Robert Sroufe, holder of the Murrin Chair on Global Competitiveness. “Indians definitely are more resourceful because they have so little to work with. We’re in a throwaway society. Many of them are in a subsistence society, at the poverty level.”

Yet, India is poised for growth. “Within five years, it will be the world’s fourth-largest economy,” says Sroufe. “So, from a business perspective, it’s a huge market potential. They’re definitely a player on the world stage.”

Japan, on the other hand, is an established powerhouse in manufacturing and technology that lifted restrictions on import trade in recent decades and reduced barriers to entry from foreign investors, businesses and retail chains.

In preparation for the roughly two-week trips, which were built into the SMBA curriculum and taken by all students in the program, Duquesne faculty and students communicated through e-mail and Skype with Asian and Indian professors, industry leaders and students. While in the countries, they met with scholars, business leaders and government officials; experienced the culture; studied sustainability tactics; and observed practices in cities and the countryside.

Collaboration with Rikkyo University allowed students to learn the Japanese perspective on corporate social responsibility, international financing, retail marketing and other topics, with sessions from academic leaders and corporate executives from the likes of Panasonic, Toshiba and Mazda.

“Our students and faculty marveled at the on-time efficiency and cleanliness of mass rail transportation throughout Japan as they traveled throughout metropolitan Tokyo and visited the farmlands of northern Japan and the historic sites of Kyoto and Hiroshima in the west,” notes Ramos.

In India, SMBA students saw eight lanes of roaring traffic in Delhi and roads barely two lanes wide in the southern, rural Kerala state. “We could actually see smaller businesses, the culture, and how they operate at the bottom of the pyramid,” says Sroufe. “A lot of people are living on less than $4 a day.”

At Saintgits Institute of Management in Kerala, Duquesne and Indian students and faculty forged an academic and joint training program, discussing findings of cooperatively studied projects. In Delhi, news reports told of the joint seminar on sustainable development “in the Indian context,” which was hosted by the International Management Institute, India’s first corporate-sponsored business school, and Duquesne’s School of Business. Speakers included the resident director of the Tata Group, a corporate giant producing tiny cars for a $2,000 price tag. Duquesne students also toured an animation studio and a coconut husk, or coir, manufacturer of welcome mats.

Widespread practices included use of commodities such as compact fluorescent bulbs as well as incorporating incredible resourcefulness. “Many of our industries don’t waste anything, but in India, they take it to the next level,” says Dr. Ron Surmacz, one of the four faculty members on the India trip. “They have determined that effectively using the environment is a better way for the economy.”

Back in Pittsburgh, the business school is working to continue successful exchanges abroad, continuing and perhaps expanding partnerships with Saintgits and the International Management Institute, says Spangler.

“India is a special destination for study abroad, because unlike traditional destinations such as Europe, it presents students with a cultural experience that is significantly different than what they are accustomed to here at home,” he notes. “While visiting India is challenging and, in many regards, sobering for students, it is also a fascinating blend of religions, languages, customs, cuisine and history.”

Sroufe talks of a feasibility study that could initiate micro financing opportunities in Kerala, targeting partnerships with small, women-owned businesses.

“We hope to maintain that contact with them over the years,” adds Surmacz. “We want both countries to be successful. Our futures depend on it.”

For more information on the SMBA program, visit http://mba.sustainability.duq.edu.
**DU Ranked in Top 10 Military Friendly Colleges and Universities**

The School of Leadership and Professional Advancement (SLPA) at Duquesne has been selected by Allmilitary.com as one of the 2009 Top Ten Military Friendly Colleges and Universities.

Among the criteria considered by All Military was the financial aid available to service members, the proximity to a military base and/or availability of distance learning, and positive policies for military service members.

“The School of Leadership and Professional Advancement is very proud to serve more than 350 service members and veterans,” says Dr. Dorothy Bassett, dean of the SLPA.

The SLPA offers master’s degrees and accelerated bachelor’s degrees in formats convenient for adult students. Classes are offered on Saturdays on campus and entirely online. Special military tuition rates are available for service members and eligible veterans.

**PT Researcher Selected for Endowed Chair**

Dr. David L. Somers has been selected as the second holder of the Anna Rangos Rizakus Endowed Chair in Health Sciences and Ethics at Duquesne.

Somers, chairman of the Physical Therapy Department in the Rangos School of Health Sciences since July 2008, was previously assistant director of the department and a founding director of the graduate program in rehabilitation science at Duquesne.

The chair was established in 2004 in memory of the mother of John G. Rangos Sr., the school’s benefactor. As holder of the chair, Somers will be at the forefront of teaching, scholarship and service in health sciences and ethics, concentrating on the ethical aspects of policies for individuals with disabilities, leading University initiatives in rehabilitation and ethics, and collaborating with departments within the Rangos School as well as the University.

Additionally, the chair holder provides guidance for interdisciplinary rehabilitation research at Duquesne and builds strong relationships between academic and industry partners working to enhance western Pennsylvania’s role in rehabilitation and ethical policy.

**DNP Program Offers Alternative to Ph.D.**

Duquesne University’s School of Nursing has found success with its new online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, which is designed to advance the practice expertise and range of nurses with master’s degrees in nursing in a clinical specialty or a specific role.

The DNP program, an alternative to the school’s Ph.D. program, has doubled its fall 2009 cohort from last year and the school is planning on admitting 25 additional students. Duquesne’s DNP program is totally online. Students are required to come to campus only for their initial orientation and subsequently when they complete the program after five semesters.

While the school’s Ph.D. program is research-based, the DNP is grounded in the practice or specialty to which the student is already committed. Among the current DNP cohort are professionals who specifically work with Iraq veterans with closed-head injuries as well as nurses with forensic backgrounds dealing with incarcerated adolescents.

For more information on the DNP, call 412.396.4945 or visit www.nursing.duq.edu.

**Legal Research & Writing Program Nationally Ranked**

Duquesne’s Legal Research and Writing Program has been ranked 17th in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. This is the law school’s second consecutive category listing.

**WDUQ Wins Statewide Awards**

WDUQ (90.5 FM) won seven awards at the recent 2008 Pennsylvania Associated Press News Awards ceremony, including: the Sandy Starobin Award for Outstanding Reporting for its first place entry in the Enterprise/Individual Reporting category; first place in the Public Affairs category for its series “DUQ’s Pittsburgh 250 Initiative”; first place in the Sports Feature category for “Steel City Derby Demons”; third place in the Feature category for “Muslim Women in Pittsburgh”; third place in the Radio Sound category for “Art Olympic Theater”; third place in the Enterprise/Individual Reporting category for “Reducing Gun Violence: One Goal, Many Paths.”
DU Researchers Discover Lead Sensor Compound

Patented Substance Detects Levels Lower than EPA Limits

— BY KAREN FERRICK-ROMAN —

Dr. Partha Basu, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Duquesne, along with a post-doctoral associate and undergraduate student, has developed an extremely selective compound that detects lead in water.

The compound can identify as little as 10 parts per billion of lead chloride, acids and metals—thus, is more sensitive than the limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Very importantly, this compound can detect and quantify lead in the presence of other metal ions.

The compound could be useful to consumers as well as to industrial and municipal water system monitors. Lead can present a health problem, especially to the brains and nervous systems of children, and the EPA wants to eliminate all elevated blood levels in children by 2010.

Not only does this new compound sense lead, it can measure the amount of lead present while other commercial lead sensors indicate only whether lead is present, says Basu. The substance, which selectively detects lead, provides results within an hour and is easily read by a fluorescent violet glow that shows lead has been detected. Additionally, the compound, called Leadglow, works with a small amount of water, as little as a jelly bean-sized sample.

Monitoring lead in water, says Basu, typically requires sending a sample to a lab with sophisticated spectroscopy. This new, yellowish compound, which looks like dried onion flakes, does not require sophisticated instruments and can make the testing process portable.

“We weren’t actually trying to make a lead sensor in the beginning,” says Basu, who was seeking a component to an enzyme. But when this selective, lead-sensitive compound was discovered, Basu and his team, including post-doctoral associate Dr. Barbara Serli-Mitasev and undergraduate Lauren Marbella, were open to its potential. “Sometimes we may not be able to see immediately the application of the science,” says Basu, noting that a paper on the compound has been published in the prestigious German Chemical Society journal Angewandte Chemie.

Besides being a scientific finding with commercial potential, the discovery has become a learning experience in the biotechnology classroom and stands to benefit from marketing expertise on campus. Duquesne’s Small Business Development Center is developing a marketing feasibility study for the project through grant funding, thanks to a grant from Innovation Works.

All of the other teams that submitted ideas for the competition were composed of business majors,” says Bill Generett, executive director of the PCKIZ. “All four judges were not only impressed with the idea but with the business savvy of the Leadglow team, especially since they were all scientists. All of the judges feel that with some hard work, Leadglow can be turned into a successful business.”
Changing the world
Alumni Make an Impact Through the Peace Corps

– By Colleen C. Derda, A’83 –
Many newlyweds might object to living in a mud hut with no electricity. But, David Penna, A’82, and Vickie D’Andrea, GE’83, felt just fine about their primitive lifestyle.

Only two years after marrying, the couple joined the Peace Corps, serving in Botswana from 1985 to 1987. Together they taught students in a junior secondary school in a small village called Sefhare, with Penna handling math, science and social studies, and D’Andrea teaching English and history.

“You could walk from one end of the village to the other in 15 minutes. It was a full Peace Corps experience,” says Penna. “It was wonderful.”

Penna and D’Andrea are part of a group of more than 200 Duquesne alumni who have made a difference across the globe through their service to the Peace Corps since its start in 1961. Many attribute the decision to join to Duquesne’s educational atmosphere where professors routinely encourage students to use talents and knowledge to support positive change.

“Duquesne University alumni continue to contribute to the Peace Corps mission,” says Vinny Wickes, the regional manager of the Peace Corps’ New York Recruiting Office, which covers New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. “The University plays an integral role in educating and recruiting its students to become Peace Corps volunteers and works to further educate others after Peace Corps service through the Peace Corps Fellows program.” (see sidebars)

In many ways, the Peace Corps mirrors the University’s mission and commitment to service to the Church, the community, the nation and the world.

Peace Corps volunteers accept assignments in countries around the world to support local leaders in initiatives focusing on education, health and HIV/AIDS, business development, environment, youth and agriculture. Most volunteers have completed undergraduate education, and a number have graduate degrees. Duquesne University Distinguished Professor of Law Robert Barker, A’63, L’66, GA’74, served the corps from 1967 to 1969. Within months of his law school graduation and admittance to the Pennsylvania courts, Barker arrived in Puerto Rico for three months of training. He knew he would be assigned a community development role in Panama, but he didn’t know where exactly he would be serving and under what conditions until after his plane landed in Panama City.

“You could walk from one end of the village to the other in 15 minutes. It was wonderful.”

Barker spent two years working on a new urban community program to assist residents of squatter settlements in the capital. His job was to help residents of “barriadas de emergencia” to organize themselves and create plans for community improvement. It eventually became clear to Barker and others that the program, though sponsored by the government, could not truly succeed while the barriadas remained illegal settlements. Thus a program of legal services by Panamanian lawyers was established.

Barker spent the majority of his Peace Corps assignment assisting the effort and promoting the model in provinces throughout Panama. Within months of his planned return to the United States, the country’s National Guard overthrew the elected government, and the program changed. It continues to exist today, sponsored by the University of Panama Law School.

Since 1989, Barker’s papers about the creation of Panama’s legal services have been part of the Peace Corps Collection at the John F. Kennedy Library.

Presidental Library in Boston. He recently edited and donated to the Kennedy library an additional collection of papers dealing with the role of Peace Corps Volunteers in the late 1960s establishment of Panama’s pioneer program of legal assistance to that country’s low-income communities. This latter group of documents, edited by Barker to show the role of Peace Corps Volunteers, will be integrated into Barker’s 1989 submission as part of the Kennedy Library’s permanent Peace Corps Collection.

Reflecting on his service, Barker says he received as much as he gave during his Peace Corps experience. “Every volunteer comes to learn that whatever he may have contributed to the people of the country where he served, he has received far more in return. “I certainly hope I contributed something to the people of Panama. I know Panama contributed much to me as a result of my experiences living there.”

The Peace Corps continues to change as the world changes. Today, volunteers complete the majority of their training in the country where they will be serving and participate in assignment selection, ensuring a strong fit between volunteer and post. Still, flexibility continues to be key. A volunteer may know that he or she wants an urban, rather than rural area. Or that one type of service suits his or her personality and interests better than another.

Duquesne alumni who joined the Peace Corps all say they knew the importance of being adaptable. Paul Gigliotti, P’83, thought about joining the Peace Corps for several years, first visiting with a recruiter during his sophomore year. While a fifth-year pharmacy student, he signed on, ready for whatever challenges lay ahead. Gigliotti boarded a plane for Kenya a month after passing the pharmacy boards. Set on an eventual career in his chosen field in the United States, he first wanted to experience life in another part of the world and

Peace Corps Volunteer Robert Barker (right) with his Panamanian colleagues, attorneys Oscar Ceville (seated), and Raúl López (standing), 1968. (Ceville is now the solicitor general of Panama.)
serve others, a feeling that had taken root during his years of Catholic education.

“I went to Catholic grade school, high school and then Duquesne University,” says the Greensburg, Pa., native. “Service was a recurring theme because of the world view of the Spiritans at Duquesne and other educational leaders in my life.”

Gigliotti felt teaching was a critical need that he could help address, if only in a small way. But there are no small contributions in the Peace Corps. Gigliotti received weeks of teacher training stateside from volunteers who had returned recently from Kenya, then eight weeks of Swahili classes and cultural training in-country before traveling to his assigned school in Kenya’s northern central province.

The new teacher had 40 to 50 kids in the classroom, all between the ages of 13 and 18 years old. His school, built only four years earlier, had dirt floors, no electricity and no running water. He taught science without lab equipment, drawing pictures of flasks and everything else to explain concepts and measurements. Despite the primitive setting, Gigliotti says his students were dedicated to their studies and therefore a pleasure to teach. Secondary school is not free in Kenya, and he knew his students and their families made many sacrifices to receive an education.

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Duquesne alumni at work in the Peace Corps. 1-3: Dan Anson, 4: Paul Gigliotti and two other volunteers with Kenyan friends, 5: The sign post in front of Ol-Ngarua Secondary School, where Paul Gigliotti worked, 6: David Penna and Vickie D’Andrea
The lessons learned by both teacher and students over those two years have remained with Gigliotti, as with all Peace Corps volunteers. Dan Anson, GHS’00, served in the Dominican Republic from 2005 to 2008. Graduating from Duquesne with a major in occupational therapy and a minor in biology, Anson worked at a rehabilitation hospital then obtained a master’s in public health in New Mexico before embarking on his Peace Corps service. The health education specialist taught HIV/AIDS awareness, teen pregnancy issues, nutrition and life skills in a small community in the Dominican Republic’s north central region.

In early 2008, Anson met a woman and her five-year-old son, who as a baby had suffered serious burns when a mosquito net surrounding his bed caught fire. The pair came to the clinic for plastic surgery by a visiting doctor.

With fully half of the child’s face affected, Anson wondered if the boy could be brought to the United States for further treatment. He wrote up the case, and Shriners Hospitals for Children agreed to sponsor the child and bring him to Boston for more plastic surgery.

Joan Marshall joined the work of the Brother’s Brother Foundation, a Pittsburgh nonprofit that arranges shipments of medical and educational supplies around the world, when she started studying at Duquesne’s Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy.

The Center’s Peace Corps Fellows program made Marshall’s role at the nonprofit possible. Former Peace Corps volunteers studying at the Policy Center and two other graduate programs in the University select an organization in the region with which they will work or conduct research. The organizations pay Fellows’ stipends and in return gain dedicated and knowledgeable workers. The Fellows acquire valuable experience and contacts.

Duquesne University launched the Fellows program in 1998 in partnership with the U.S. Peace Corps. It is the longest running Peace Corps Fellows program in Pittsburgh. To date, 32 Duquesne graduate students have served as Peace Corps Fellows.

Dr. Evan Stoddard, associate dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, helped to found the program and serves as the Policy Center’s associate director for community outreach and as the University’s Peace Corps Fellows coordinator.

“We have three Policy Center students serving as Peace Corps Fellows and three in the Business School’s MBA program in Sustainable Business Enterprise,” says Stoddard. “When the students enter their graduate programs, we work for immediate placement in positions where they can apply their skills as program and research assistants.”

As a result, the boy now can see and has full range of motion in his face. His mother is finishing school and planning to look for a job.

Duquesne alumni who have served in the Peace Corps have been part of both large and small accomplishments. They have also changed lives forever and for the better.

Duquesne University alumni who have served in the Peace Corps can contact Kay Jennings of the Pittsburgh Returned Peace Corps (RPCV) Group at jenningskd@upmc.edu. For more information on the Peace Corps, visit www.peacecorps.gov.
The Congregation of the Holy Spirit has had a long-standing presence in the United States.

The first Spiritan missionaries arrived in Baltimore, Md., in 1794. Over the next 150 years, they would go on to establish Duquesne University and grow their Congregation in America.

By 1964, the Spiritans had divided the U.S. territory geographically, into East and West Provinces, to manage their resources more effectively and strengthen their ministry in far-flung missions around the country.

In 2006, in the face of challenges, such as limited resources, a growing international membership and broader commitments nationwide, the Congregation agreed to move toward a single community in the United States once again. A merger of the U.S. West and East Provinces was finalized on June 16, 2009.

The Reverend John Fogarty, C.S.Sp., was appointed to a three-year term as the Provincial Superior of this newly-formed Province of the United States. Prior to this appointment, Fogarty directed the Center for Spiritan Studies and served as interim director of the Office of...
New Vice President of Mission and Identity Appointed

The Reverend James P. McCloskey, C.S.Sp., returned to Duquesne in August as vice president of Mission and Identity and will focus on enhancing the University’s connection between mission and ministry.

McCloskey, who has been serving in the worldwide Spiritan general administration in Rome since 2004, is intimately familiar with the operations of Duquesne. A 1974 alumnus who served in the University’s Spiritan Campus Ministry from 1983 to 1984, he was a member of the University Cabinet and vice president of University Relations from 2003 to 2004 before his appointment to Rome. Additionally, he served as Provincial Superior of the U.S. East Province of the Spiritans.

“Fr. McCloskey’s vast experience and deep knowledge of Duquesne University makes him a great addition to our leadership team as we strive to consolidate our position as one of the top Catholic universities in the country,” says Duquesne President Charles Dougherty.
Artwork Recalls
Spiritan Devotion to Blessed Mother

In France on Pentecost Sunday 1703, Claude Poullart des Places and a small group of fellow seminarians formed a community dedicated to the Holy Spirit, under the special patronage of the Virgin Mary. The group consecrated themselves at the feet of the Notre Dame de la Bonne Délivrance—the Black Madonna pictured here—and the Holy Spirit Congregation was born.

The original stone statue of the Black Madonna still resides in the Chapelle des Srs. de St Thomas de Villeneuve, in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France. A portrait of the shrine now hangs in the foyer of the Duquesne Chapel, a gift to the Spiritan Congregation from the University presented by President Charles J. Dougherty at their recent meeting on campus.

The Spiritan Congregation today continues to be placed under the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who was filled “with the fullness of holiness and apostolic zeal” (Spiritan Rule of Life, No. 6).

“This gift is especially meaningful as the veneration of Mary, mother of Jesus and the model for all missionary activity, is the very beginning of our foundation, together with the consecration to the Holy Spirit,” says the Reverend John Fogarty, C.S.Sp., provincial superior of the Province of the United States.

Prayers From Blessing Exhibit at DU Delivered to Western Wall

More than 31,000 prayers from thousands of Americans, including those who visited the exhibit A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People at Duquesne University, were delivered to the Western Wall in Jerusalem the week of July 27.

Nearly 7,000 visitors saw the exhibit at Duquesne, where it was displayed from May 15 to Aug. 11, 2006. Their prayers were inserted into a replica of the Western Wall, as visitors are encouraged to do, and in turn, were delivered to the actual wall by Xavier University Rabbi Abie Ingber, Xavier University Brueggeman Center Director James Buchanan and former Xavier Theology Department Chair Bill Madges.

Xavier reported that 3,953 prayers were placed into the Western Wall by hand. The rest of the prayers were placed in the Western Wall tunnels at a spot close to the Temple of Jerusalem by arrangement with the rabbi of the wall.

This is the second time Blessing prayers have been placed at the wall. In February 2006, more than 8,600 prayers from the exhibit were delivered to the Western Wall.

The Blessing exhibit chronicled the late pontiff’s lifelong relationship with the Jewish people. Since premiering in May 2005 at Xavier, the exhibit has touched more than 100,000 lives during tours of museums and universities across the country.

It will be featured in the near future at the Holocaust Museum of Houston, Canisius College in Buffalo and the Maltz Museum in Beechwood, Ohio. It has already been displayed at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., Loyola University in Chicago, Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City, the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles and St. Joseph’s University, among others.
Duquesne University has announced the appointment of prominent Pittsburgh attorney and alumna Marie Milie Jones as the first woman to serve as chairman of the Board of Directors.

For Jones, a partner with Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek and Eck PLLC who specializes in civil rights and employment areas, this marks the second time that she has broken new ground as a female pioneer. Jones made history in Pittsburgh in 1998, when she was the youngest woman ever named managing attorney of a major law firm in the city.

Her ties with Duquesne reach back more than 25 years, as an undergraduate who flirted with thoughts of a medical career before pursuing a career in law. Her father, Robert J. Milie, has been an attorney for 52 years, practicing municipal, estate and small business law in Greensburg, Pa., so Jones grew up with an understanding of the field. To fast-track her studies, she completed a major in French and a minor in math cum laude in three years (1985) and earned her Duquesne law degree in 1987.

“I spent time in high school in the courtroom of Donetta Ambrose, who is also a Duquesne graduate, and she served as a role model to me,” Jones says of the judge who served on the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas before becoming chief judge of the U.S. District Court in the Western District of Pennsylvania.

In her new capacity, Jones, too, has become a role model. “It’s personally rewarding,” says Jones of her chairmanship. “It’s an excellent sign for the University, its founders and now, its board to embrace the reality and the importance of diversity, and the importance of including people that they feel have the true spirit of Duquesne as their motive.”

Jones has been involved with many professional and civic organizations in Allegheny County and beyond, but always has earmarked a share of her time and talents for Duquesne. President of the University’s Alumni Board of Governors for six years, she joined the University’s Board of Directors for four years, starting in 1997. She returned as vice chairman from 2003 until the present, and was named chairman effective July 1.

The devotion of each board member to the University and the willingness of each to share outstanding talents with Duquesne impresses Jones. “Every one of the board members has some personal stake here; Duquesne University is in each of their hearts. Their personal dedication to Duquesne comes through in the way they focus their energies on board matters.”

Over the years of her involvement, Jones has witnessed encouraging change at Duquesne and plans for the University to continue moving forward.

“For Duquesne to remain a top Catholic, American university should be our focus,” she says. “I love the fact that the University is so connected with its mission, which will be an even greater focus of the new strategic plan. Continuing the increased academic standards for incoming students will also be on our radar.”

Since her undergraduate days, Jones has seen the University’s ability to attract even higher levels of students and a growing number of them. Others have taken notice, too, as rankings have improved. “It’s rewarding to see that and to know I can be part of seeing that grow,” she says.

“Marie has played an integral role on the board in moving the University forward,” says Charles J. Dougherty, Duquesne University president. “She is dedicated to her alma mater and has served Duquesne in many important capacities. I look forward to Marie’s leadership of the board and to working with her to build an even greater Duquesne University.”

— By Karen Ferrick-Roman —
Duquesne recently welcomed three new members to its Board of Directors: Esther L. Bush, Thomas B. Grealish, B’83, and Terrence S. Jacobs, B’65.

“We are grateful that these talented professionals will share their time and skills with Duquesne, helping us reach our goals and continue our mission,” says Charles J. Dougherty, University president.

Esther L. Bush

Bush is president and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, which provides a range of social services to more than 28,000 local residents each year. During her tenure, she has initiated programs for home ownership, youth development and adult professional development. She is nationally recognized as a strong and vocal advocate for economic and social equality initiatives that benefit African-Americans. She is a member of the International Women’s Forum Board of Directors, a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education and a member of the Board of Directors of A+ Schools—an independent community alliance focused on improving student achievement in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Bush serves on the Youth Futures Commission, a newly formed commission whose mission is to obtain a mentor for every 6th grade student in the Pittsburgh Public Schools system. Bush also serves as chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh Charter School, and she is an Honorary Advisory Council member for the Nonprofit Leadership Institute at Duquesne.

Thomas B. Grealish

Grealish is co-owner and president of Henderson Brothers, Inc., one of the leading independent insurance agencies in Pittsburgh and surrounding regions. His late father, Thomas E. Grealish, was a Duquesne alumnus, graduating with a business degree in 1947. His late mother, Margaret Grealish, received an honorary degree from Duquesne in 1986. Grealish and his family began the Thomas E. and Margaret A. Grealish Crew/Rowing Fund at Duquesne, which helped to establish the school’s rowing team and boathouse facility, and the Thomas E. Grealish Memorial Golf Outing, which continues to provide funding for the team. He is a member of the Duquesne Society and Fr. McAnulty Bequest Society, and he was inducted into the Century Club of Distinguished Alumni in 1990. He is executive director and president of the Mario Lemieux Foundation and chairman of the Mellon Mario Lemieux Celebrity Golf Invitational, an event that has raised millions of dollars for cancer and neo-natal research. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership.

Terrence S. Jacobs

Jacobs is president and CEO of Penneco Oil Company, a mid-sized independent oil and gas producer headquartered in Delmont, Pa. He is currently a director of LinnEnergy, LLC (NASDAQ-LINE) and CMS Mid-Atlantic, Inc. He was a two-term president of the Independent Oil and Gas Association (IOGA) of PA from 1999 to 2001 and from 2003 to 2005, and is an incumbent director of IOGA of PA. He is currently an Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) director-at-large and is chairman of the IPAA tax committee. He was director of the IPAA for the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York-West from 2000 to 2008. He is active in many charitable and philanthropic activities and is a member of Oakmont Country Club and Laurel Valley Golf Club. He has been married for 21 years to his wife, Sandra, and has two children, Brent, 20, and Tyler, 18. Jacobs is a certified public accountant in the state of Pennsylvania.
“Wearing his trademark ballcap, Yancy challenges students to re-examine racism and look at their own biases...”
As one of the few African-American philosophers in the field, Dr. George Yancy not only writes about racism, he lives with it. In his newest book, Black Bodies, White Gazes: The Continuing Significance of Race, Yancy reflects on personal experiences that depict what it means to experience racism.

An associate professor of philosophy at Duquesne, Yancy specializes in critical race theory, African-American philosophy and critical whiteness studies. Sitting in his office, he is surrounded by black-and-white photos of noted black leaders, including pictures of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.

“Having their pictures, side by side, reminds me of the power of the possibility of unity, even in the face of great division,” says Yancy. “The pictures of these black historical figures in my office is my way of creating a space of familiarity.”

The importance of the familiar is surprising for a man who has moved from the projects of north Philadelphia to the ivy-covered walls of Yale University. In the academic world, Yancy is a groundbreaking, insightful voice. On the street, he is another black man. In his Duquesne classrooms and his latest book, Yancy draws from both experiences.

A personal example from Black Bodies, White Gazes discusses what happens when he walks near a car with white people in it. “I’ll hear that door lock, and it’s not just one or two times, it’s a whole lot of times,” says Yancy, who also uses another example of stepping into an elevator with a white woman inside. Repeatedly, she will hold her purse closer or will look at him suspiciously in some way. “We want to talk about racism in grander terms but in its everyday way of living, we experience that kind of thing.”

When dealing with delicate and sometimes uncomfortable topics with his students, Yancy often meets “resistance.” “I think it’s unusual for them when they see a black professor teaching this traditionally white field, and particularly, a black professor who is dealing with these very sensitive issues around race and racism,” he says.

Wearing his trademark ballcap, Yancy challenges students to re-examine racism and look at their own biases using the teaching method of “parrhesia,” which means fearless speech, to encourage students to explore what can be uncomfortable topics.

“I have a way of engaging my students without really sugarcoating anything, and they particularly like this,” he says. “I am honest with them about issues, whether it’s about sexism, racism, classism, you name it.”

Yancy’s classroom creates a safe space for students to begin exploring their own racism. “It opens them up in ways that they wouldn’t ordinarily think what George manages to do is shift the discussion from people who think they are just going about their lives and protecting themselves to the effect of what they do on others.”

As a black philosopher, Yancy is among a demographic that only counts for 1 percent of the philosophers in North America. He admits that he is an anomaly and has often been received as such since first becoming interested in philosophy. “I never would have guessed—in fact no one would have ever guessed—that I would have gone into philosophy, let alone academia,” laughs Yancy, who was raised by his mother, a seamstress, in the Richard Allen housing projects during the 1960s and ’70s.

He wanted to be like his father, an auto mechanic who Yancy describes as a dashing guy with a motorcycle, living free. But by his early teens, he wanted to be a pilot. He went so far as joining the Air Force Junior ROTC. Then one day, he literally opened the book to a new page.

“When I was about 17, I remember looking for the ‘pilot’ entry in the ‘P’ encyclopedia, and I just happened to stumble across the word philosophy,” says Yancy. “The term philosophy comes from two Greek words, ‘philos’ and ‘sophia,’ which together mean love of wisdom. It made me reflect...
back into my past and begin to look at the kinds of questions that I often was asking.”

As a child, he often peppered his mom with questions like, “How do we know if God exists?” and “How do we prove that God exists?” Yancy says he inherited his mother’s passion, but his curiosity and proclivity for intellectual engagement comes from his father.

Statistically, Yancy knew the odds of him entering the field were stacked against him. When reading the entry on philosophy, Yancy noticed that it showed photos of only white men. “Only later did I come to think about this critically,” he recalls. “So when I discovered philosophy, I assumed I was the only black interested in philosophy.”

Yancy’s math teacher helped him connect with a philosophy professor at Philadelphia’s La Salle University. Yancy sat in on an introductory philosophy course and continued in the field at the University of Pittsburgh’s Honors Philosophy Program. Following his ambition, Yancy accepted a full scholarship to Yale, where he would earn his master’s in philosophy and work on his Ph.D. “At Yale, for the first time, I was in the company of two other black philosophers, so things had begun to shift for me in terms of being physically in the presence of other blacks at the Ph.D. level and learning about the early blacks who had received Ph.D.s in philosophy,” he says.

But after a few years at Yale, Yancy began to feel out of his element amid the wealth and elitism and left before completing his Ph.D. He returned to Philadelphia, where he worked briefly as a therapist and also for the Philadelphia Tribune, the nation’s oldest African-American newspaper, writing about religion, philosophy and existentialism. He continued his other writings, publishing the award-winning African-American Philosophers: 17 Conversations in 1998. An unprecedented text, the book features 17 black philosophers, and information on what brought them into the field.

Yancy arrived at Duquesne in 1999, after his wife, Susan, convinced him to finish his Ph.D. He took time off from Duquesne to earn a master’s in Africana studies from New York University in 2004. After being told by NYU that it couldn’t be done, Yancy earned his master’s in just one academic year, commuting to New York from Pittsburgh twice a week on a red-eye bus.

After earning his Ph.D. in 2005, Yancy was hired as a faculty member by Duquesne’s philosophy department. “Now that I teach, I know I’ve found my calling,” he says. “What I really like now is when my students show initiative and boldness of thinking, and where they have internalized that notion of parrhesia and give it back to me, where they speak with this kind of fearlessness. They don’t feel intimidated because I let them know, ‘Hey, I’m like you,’ and I remind them that I too was once an undergraduate.”

These methods and his gift for relating to his students make Yancy a favorite in the classroom.

“Dr. Yancy has this incredible passion for philosophy, and his evident enthusiasm about what we covered in class grabbed my attention,” says Michele Wisnesck, a 2009 graduate of the Palumbo•Donahue School of Business.

Wisnesck, who took Yancy’s course as a freshman, still posts the following quote from one of his books on her Facebook wall: “This makes it incredibly clear to me that the meaning of our past is never closed or complete as long as we continue to undergo new and challenging experiences.”

Three years later, Wisnesck still ponders that thought. “This concept is absolutely timeless, and can be applied to all people regardless of age, sex, race, religious background or class,” she says. “I will never forget the impact his class had on my life.”

Outside the classroom, Yancy works to help and encourage blacks already in the field of philosophy. Other books he’s published include Philosophy in Multiple Voices, White on White/Black on Black and What White Looks Like: African-American Philosophers on the Whiteness Question.

Yancy is an ex officio member of the American Philosophical Association’s Committee on Blacks in Philosophy, which monitors the status of black philosophers. In addition, Yancy is co-editor of the committee’s biannual newsletter, The American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Philosophy and the Black Experience, which features works by young African-American philosophers.

“Dr. Yancy has the uncanny ability to create a conversation—via his several published collections of interviews and articles—among scholars about issues of race, and then in his own work to continue the discussion in creative and challenging directions,” says Dr. James Swindal, chair of philosophy at Duquesne.

“He has proved to be a very popular teacher. Moreover, his influence clearly extends beyond his writings and his classroom to a world in which his ideas can take root in individual actions and social practices.”

Years after first reading that encyclopedia entry on philosophy, Yancy no longer questions whether there is a place for him in the field.

“I see myself as part of this tradition of really creating this rupture in traditional European or Anglo-American philosophy and saying, ‘Look, there is this whole area that you have missed,’” he says. “And it’s very important to intellectual history, to American history, to know what these black philosophers were doing, to know what they were thinking about.”
Drug-resistant Bacteria Targeted by DU Professor

The fight against drug-resistant bacteria is being waged in a super-computing lab at Duquesne University.

Dr. Jeffrey Evanseck, Lauritis Chair of Teaching and Technology and a professor of chemistry at Duquesne, in collaboration with Dr. Steven Firestine, a former Duquesne pharmacy faculty member now at Wayne State University in Detroit, is working on a $1.3 million project funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to disarm these microorganisms and help to spare the 19,000 lives lost each year to antibiotic-resistant infections.

“Unfortunately, in the last 40 years, only two new classes of antibiotics have been introduced to the public, and resistance to these agents is already known,” says Evanseck, who also is director of the Center for Computational Sciences, or super-computing center, at Duquesne. “This makes research exploring the discovery of novel antibacterial agents highly critical.”

Evanseck’s work focuses on a detailed computational investigation of one of the enzymes found in microbial purine biosynthesis—a promising but unexplored area of antimicrobial drug design.

Purines are critical components of many biological systems, including RNA, DNA and cellular energy, Evanseck explains. Cells die if they fail to synthesize purines. Fortunately, microorganisms have two enzymes needed to synthesize purines that are not found in humans, creating a weak link for researchers to attack.

“If scientists can discover compounds that inhibit these enzymes, the agents would selectively kill microorganisms but have little effect on humans,” says Evanseck.

Over the next four years, Evanseck will use computer models to interpret, predict and test experimental drug designs produced by Wayne State University. Other members of the team will use his information to understand how the enzymes work and how to design compounds that thwart the enzymes’ functions.

“Since the 1960s, deaths from infectious diseases have increased, to the point where more people are dying each year in the United States from antibiotic-resistant infections than from complications from the AIDS virus,” says Dr. David Seybert, dean of the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences. “Infectious diseases, along with the risk of bioterrorist attacks, remain a huge threat. Through this research, Duquesne is helping to meet the growing need for new, effective antimicrobial agents.”

CTE Award Winners

The Duquesne University Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) recognized outstanding teachers at its annual Celebration of Teaching Excellence earlier this year. The awards honor faculty members who have developed an innovative way of teaching and assessed its impact on student learning.

This year’s Creative Teaching Award winners are: Dr. Lisa Jo Vernon-Dotson, assistant professor in the School of Education and Department of Counseling, Psychology and Special Education; and Dr. Lynn Simko, clinical associate professor in the School of Nursing.

Vernon-Dotson’s Supportive Environments for Social and Emotional Learning and Behavior Disorder courses are offered to master’s level students in two different special education programs. She created a multistep, case-based approach to the courses that emphasizes serving K-12 special education students with emotional and behavioral disorders. Direct and indirect evidence is used to demonstrate the impact on Duquesne student learning, including select components of a Positive Behavior Support Plan, sample field reports to classroom teachers, faculty peer evaluation and select comments from students.

Simko has instituted a “mock code” simulation experience for undergraduate nursing students. The students were given a pre-test and then attended lectures on advanced cardiac life support guidelines. Then, each student was assigned a role involved in a code situation, with unique mock codes depending on the actions/treatment decisions made by the students. The code was videotaped and replayed to participants in a debriefing session. Overall, scores were significantly greater on the post-test than on the pre-test.

In addition to the Creative Teaching Awards, the Graduate Student Awards for Excellence in Teaching were given at the event. These awards promote and reward teaching effectiveness by graduate students. This year’s recipients are Allen Kotun, biological sciences; Claire Barbetti, English; Christina McDowell, communication and rhetorical studies; and Nakpangi Johnson, pharmacy.
Italian Campus Program to Celebrate 10th Anniversary

— By Randy Cole —

The Office of International Programs is planning a celebration next year to mark the 10th anniversary of the Italian Campus program and to recognize the more than 1,000 students who have studied there.

Open to all alumni of the program and all Duquesne alumni, as well as University faculty, staff and friends, special events are being planned for October 2010 that include a campus celebration; a private tour of the Sistine Chapel and other special Rome venues not open to the public; as well as an optional four-day extension to Pompeii, Vesuvius, the Amalfi Coast, Paestum and Capri.

“The weekend will be filled with events that current and former students can enjoy with faculty, staff and friends of Duquesne,” says Dr. Roberta Aronson, director of the Office of International Programs. “The program has come a long way in 10 years, and the campus is beautiful.”

When the Italian Campus opened in January 2001 in a hotel in Rome’s Vitinia neighborhood, there was little indication as to how the fledgling program would fare. By 2004, however, the campus had outgrown its Vitinia home, and the program moved to share quarters with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, a convent in Rome’s Boccea neighborhood.

The permanent location was dedicated on Oct. 9, 2004. Duquesne President Charles J. Dougherty, along with members of the University’s Board of Directors, faculty, staff and guests were on hand to celebrate the inaugural gala.

The Italian Campus program, which offers undergraduates a chance to spend a semester immersed in one of the world’s most culturally rich cities while fulfilling their Duquesne core requirements, is a great growing experience for students.

“The students experience an intellectual waking up,” says Aronson.

Michael Wright, director for the Italian Campus program, agrees. “The language, the culture—all of these things are big growth experiences for the students. It’s great to see the confidence and maturity they gain by the time they leave. It will be great to see so many of them come back together for this anniversary.”

A stateside celebration is also being planned. For more information on the Italian Campus program and for updates about the 10th anniversary celebration, visit http://www.duq.edu/italiancampus.
Snapshots

1. On May 27, former Pittsburgh Steeler player and sportscaster Jerome Bettis visited Duquesne to congratulate middle school students who completed a program sponsored by The Jerome Bettis Bus Stops Here Foundation, Duquesne University and Pittsburgh Public Schools. Bettis acknowledged the accomplishments of 38 middle school students who completed the program, awarding them certificates and overseeing distribution of a free computer to each.

2. More than 1,500 students participated in Duquesne’s 2009 Commencement ceremony in May.

3. At this year’s Summertime Jazz Concert, which took place July 29 in the Power Center Ballroom, Chris Martin (center), chairman and CEO of Martin Guitar Company, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Guitar Department of the Mary Pappert School of Music. With Martin are faculty members Bill Purse (left), chair of the guitar program, and Mark Koch, assistant chair.

4. Joe Negri, a member of the guitar faculty of the Mary Pappert School of Music and one of Pittsburgh’s most popular entertainers, was one of the featured performers at this year’s Summertime Jazz Concert.

5. The recent “Stepping Into Spring” fashion show sponsored by The Women’s Guild of Duquesne University raised approximately $17,000, which was distributed to Spiritan Campus Ministry, used to help students in emergency situations and also used to host a September event for mothers of freshman students. Shown modeling is Brittna Turner, who works in the University’s Office of Management and Business.

6. Duquesne University music professor and jazz trumpeter Sean Jones (fourth from left), jazz great Wynton Marsalis and others provided the first in the ongoing cultural series at the White House, at the invitation of First Lady Michelle Obama. About 150 middle and high school instrumental students were brought into the White House for educational sessions in a jazz studio workshop. A concert topped the June 15 event.
Basketball

The men’s and women’s basketball teams have generated a lot of excitement following spectacular seasons earlier this year. What can we expect for the upcoming seasons? Following are brief outlooks:

Men

Last season, the Duquesne men’s basketball team was the surprise of the Atlantic 10 in advancing to the NIT for the first time since 1994. Eleven players, including eight of the top nine scorers, return from that National Invitation Tournament team. Fourth-year head coach Ron Everhart is hoping the experience gained will help ease the loss of leading scorer and 2009 team leader Aaron Jackson (19.3 ppg.), who is currently playing professionally in Turkey.

Sophomore point guard Eric Evans, a four-time A-10 Rookie of the Week in ’09, will fill the shoes of Jackson. Multitalented sophomore swingman B.J. Monteiro is also expected to provide depth at both guard and forward.

Incoming freshmen Andre Marhold (6-6, F) and Sean Johnson (6-2, G) will bolster the front and backcourt respectively. In addition, 6-8 Rodrigo Peggau, who played in five games last season as a freshman before undergoing season-ending knee surgery, is expected to be back. Added size will come in the form of sophomore Morakinyo Williams, a 7-0, 265-pound transfer from Kentucky, who will be eligible in 2009-10.

Women

The 2009-10 Duquesne women’s basketball team is coming off arguably the greatest season in the history of the program. In addition to setting a program record with 20 victories, the Dukes participated in the postseason for the first time when they accepted a bid to the Women’s National Invitation Tournament.

The Dukes lose only one player from last season’s 20-12 team—two-time A-10 Defensive Player of the Year and First-Team All-Conference guard Kristi Little (15.3 ppg.). With the graduation of Little, sophomores Jaclyn Babe and Vanessa Abel are expected to battle for the point guard spot. Babe played in all 32 games as a true freshman, while Abel, who is in her first season with the Dukes, was a prolific scorer in high school.

The Dukes will return four of their top five scorers in seniors Rachel Frederick (7.9 ppg.) and Keri Pryor (10.3 ppg.), junior Samantha Pollino (10.8 ppg.) and sophomore Alex Gensler (8.6 ppg.).

Adding experience and depth off the bench will be seniors Eve Pyle, Samantha Thompson and Amanda Peck, as well as junior Kelly Britcher.

New to the squad are freshman guards Jocelyn Floyd (20.8 ppg.) and Ahjah Hall (9.0 ppg.), freshman forward Carly Vendemia (24.5 ppg.) and junior center Diana Voynova (6.0 ppg.), a transfer from Jefferson (Mo.) Junior College.

Basketball season tickets— including a special $75 men’s basketball season offer—are available by calling the Duquesne Ticket Office at 412.232.DUKE (3853).

DU Coach Part of Lacrosse World Cup

Duquesne lacrosse assistant coach Gina Oliver was one of 18 women’s players selected to compete for the United States in the 2009 Federation of International Lacrosse World Cup, which was held June 17-27 in Prague, Czech Republic. The Americans had to hold off defending champion Australia, 8-7, in the finals to win their sixth overall gold medal and first since 2001. Oliver, who finished the World Cup with 13 ground balls and 11 caused turnovers, was named to the All-World Team.

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DU Students Score on the Field, On the Ice
Athletic Training Students Work with Pittsburgh’s Champion Teams

— BY KIMBERLY SAUNDERS —

“Working with world-class athletes provided me with a unique look into how athletes at the highest possible level deal with injuries, stresses, rehabilitation and injury prevention.”

Pittsburgh sports fans enjoyed a very good year, witnessing both the Steelers’ Super Bowl victory and the Penguins’ Stanley Cup triumph.

But even the most loyal fans couldn’t get as close to the action as two of Duquesne’s athletic training (AT) students. As part of their athletic training clinical rotations in their senior year, Peter Malamet and Kyle Leister, both 2009 graduates, were part of the health care staff for these championship teams.

Malamet was placed with the Steelers beginning with training camp in May 2008 through the victory parade in February 2009. Although the Duquesne Athletic Training program has had a relationship with the Pittsburgh Steelers since 1994, these clinical rotations are extremely competitive.

“Only students with excellent academic and clinical evaluations are encouraged to apply for the clinical experiences with the professional teams. They must interview with the athletic training and coaching staffs of the organizations, and often, they are asked to demonstrate their clinical skills during those interviews,” explains Paula Turocy, EdD, ATC, chair of the AT Department.

Working under the direct supervision of the team’s head athletic trainer and medical professionals, Malamet assisted with rehabilitation, set up water and medical supplies, taped and stretched the athletes before practice, and monitored them for injuries that may occur on the field.

In addition, Malamet gained hands-on experience with highly specialized modalities and rehabilitation equipment, such as an underwater treadmill for rehabbing lower body injuries and bone growth stimulators for fractures.

“ Athletic trainers for pro teams basically have much more medical technology and resources at their disposal. Not only do the athletes get the best care possible, they get it immediately. They can immediately have diagnostic tests and see a physician or other medical specialist within hours of suffering an injury,” he says.

Leister was one of the first two Duquesne students to complete an athletic training rotation with the Pittsburgh Penguins. He worked with the team from Aug. 26, 2008, through Jan. 1, 2009, and was invited back for the Pens’ postseason play from May 6 through June 12.

“Working with world-class athletes provided me with a unique look into how athletes at the highest possible level deal with injuries, stresses, rehabilitation and injury prevention,” says Leister, a native Pittsburgher.

Both Leister and Malamet, who traveled with the teams, agreed that the most memorable part of their rotations were the championship games. But they also acknowledged the challenge of striking the right balance between school work and their rotations.

“The professors at Duquesne had faith that I could handle this huge responsibility, and I thank them for their trust,” says Leister.

Graduating from Duquesne’s Athletic Training program in May 2009 was just the beginning of a health care career for both of these new alums. Malamet, who works as an EMT and personal trainer, has set his sights on medical school for the future. Leister is working as a physical therapist aide and hopes to enter a physical therapy program in 2010.
**DU is State’s First Academic Institution to Earn EPA Energy Star Award**

Duquesne’s cogeneration plant has received the Energy Star Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The cogeneration plant is the first and only approved onsite distribution system for creating alternative energy credits in Pennsylvania and has led to an operating efficiency of 65 to 70 percent. This, in effect, reduces greenhouse gas emissions comparable to the yearly emissions from nearly 1,700 cars.

The Energy Star CHP Award recognizes organizations that install exceptionally efficient CHP systems reducing energy use, air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

Duquesne uses a 5 megawatt hour, natural gas turbine to power, cool and heat the bulk of campus. Integrated into the system is a highly efficient cooling process that relies on ice storage, the first of its kind in a Pittsburgh academic institution. Additionally, the University supplements its own power with renewable energy credits, so the campus relies 100 percent on clean energy.

Earlier this year, the EPA recognized Duquesne for the second consecutive year as the 2008-2009 Individual Conference Champion for purchasing more green power than any other school in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Duquesne beat its conference rivals by purchasing nearly 13 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power, representing 28 percent of the school’s annual electricity usage. Duquesne is buying renewable energy certificates from Direct Energy and Community Energy, which helps to reduce the environmental impacts associated with the campus’ purchased electricity use.

Besides purchasing renewable energy and generating much of its own electricity for power, heating and cooling, Duquesne also has a proactive green cleaning program, a goal to observe LEED principles in new construction and major renovation projects, and growing recycling and green purchasing initiatives. In the academic sphere, Duquesne has an award-winning MBA Sustainability program, as well as a community-minded Center for Environmental Research and Education.

**Duquesne Projects Receive Telly Awards**

Duquesne projects focusing on a cross-country trip and Pope Benedict XVI’s visit to the United States have won three Telly Awards, which honor the very best local, regional and cable television commercials and programs, as well as the finest video and film productions.

James Vota, instructor in Duquesne’s Department of Journalism and Multimedia Arts (JMA), has received two Bronze Telly Awards for his documentation of a cross-country trip. Vota served as a producer and director for ALT Project, a film named for the alternate routes the crew of Duquesne students used while traveling across the United States. The documentary captures the lives of small-town America, with topics ranging from green technology to Native American reservations sites.

A news-documentary about Pope Benedict XVI’s visit to the United States has also been honored.

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States in 2008, produced by 13 Duquesne JMA students, has received a Bronze Telly Award as an outstanding documentary.

Under the direction of Dr. Dennis Woytek, assistant professor, and instructor/WTAE-TV newscaster Mike Clark, students created Christ Our Hope: The Pilgrimage of the Pope, a 52-minute DVD about Pope Benedict’s trips to Washington, D.C., and New York City. These DU students comprised the only college TV crew among 600 credentialed reporters.

Woytek also received a Telly in 2007 for a documentary about a nine-day pilgrimage of Pittsburghers to Medjugorje, where visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary have been reported.

DVD copies of Christ Our Hope are available by contacting the Department of Journalism and Multimedia Arts at 412.396.1311. Cost is $20.

Beard Symposium on Sustainability Set for November

The third annual Beard Symposium on Sustainability, organized by the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business, is titled Sustainability: Your Bridge to the Future, and will take place on Nov. 10 at the Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh.

This year’s symposium, which will focus on using sustainability for value creation and risk reduction in business, will have two keynote speakers. The morning address will be by Andrew Winston, co-author of Green to Gold and author of Green Recovery. The luncheon speaker will be Andrew Savitz, author of The Triple Bottom Line—How Today’s Best-Run Companies are Achieving Economic, Social and Environmental Success.

Winston is a widely quoted expert on green business, and Savitz is the former head of PricewaterhouseCoopers’ global sustainability business services practice. The day’s events will also feature a CEO forum and a panel discussion.

For reservations and more information, visit www.duq.edu/sustainabilitysymposium, or call Courtney Cox, 412.396.5831.

School of Pharmacy Places Second in State Competition

Earlier this year, the Mylan School of Pharmacy placed second in the state of Pennsylvania against six other schools in the third annual OTC (Over-The-Counter) Product Jeopardy competition. The team consisted of Aaron Bagnola, Bryan Kudlawiec and J.J. Leffler. The competition, which was held in Harrisburg, Pa., at the annual Pennsylvania Pharmacist Association meeting, consisted of two rounds of questions pertaining to over-the-counter medications, dietary supplements and various treatments.

Second/Final Season of Musique on the Bluff: The French Seasons Slated

The Mary Pappert School of Music will present the second and final season of Musique on the Bluff: The French Seasons during the 2009–2010 academic year. David Allen Wehr, holder of the Jack W. Getz Distinguished Piano Chair, will perform in each of the concerts in the schedule:

Chausson Showcase Sunday, Oct. 18
Principally Poulenc Sunday, Jan. 24
Debussy Diversely Sunday, Feb. 14
Ravel Revue Sunday, March 14

Each concert of Musique on the Bluff: The French Seasons has a $10 suggested donation and will take place on Sunday at 3 p.m. in PNC Recital Hall in the School of Music at Duquesne University. Each performance is preceded by a pre-concert event at 2:15 p.m. For more information, call 412.396.6083 or visit www.music.duq.edu/frenchseasons.

Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference Takes on the Challenges of the New Economy

Revised business strategies and the latest tools, resources and ideas for dealing with the new economy was the focus of the 11th annual Entrepreneur’s Growth Conference held on June 4 at Duquesne.

Keynote speaker Jim Rudolph, chief executive officer of Rita’s Franchise Company and previous owner of 47 Pittsburgh-area Wendy’s, addressed innovation and offered insight on surviving and thriving in the face of tough economic times.

Dr. Giorgio Coraluppi, founder and president of Compunetics Inc., shared his entrepreneurial insights, discussed his path to success and offered tips about what he learned along the way during his lunchtime keynote address at the conference. Compunetics is a leader in the design and manufacture of printed circuit boards for the commercial and defense markets.

This year’s conference, which was sponsored by Duquesne’s Small Business Development Center, featured new strategies on the economy, including seizing opportunity, new marketing tactics and tips about raising money.
Figures From the Past
Dr. Hugh C. Muldoon

Dr. Hugh C. Muldoon was the first dean of the Mylan School of Pharmacy and served from 1925 to 1955. He came to Duquesne from a position as dean of the School of Pharmacy at Valparaiso University. The School of Pharmacy had been on the planning list since 1910. It opened in September 1925, and it won the approval of the Pennsylvania State Board of Pharmacy that same year. In addition, the school met all the requirements of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and set what were viewed as high individual standards from the start.

Muldoon was not only a prolific scholar and author, he also was editor of Science Counselor and advisory editor of the American Pharmacy textbook series. He was an able administrator and an innovative teacher as well. His Pharmaceutical Association, instituted to keep students current on new developments in the field and to give them experience in addressing large groups, later became a student branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He also started the annual Pharmacy Night Program to demonstrate to the public and non-pharmacy students the importance of the field.

Muldoon dedicated his life to the building of the School of Pharmacy. He said that as a student he never saw the dean of the pharmacy school where he studied until commencement and vowed that would never be the case at Duquesne. He wanted to know “what each student is doing each day.” With apparent boundless energy, he appeared to come close to doing that. Plus, he authored a 648-page text, Organic Chemistry, in 1948. Muldoon's national reputation was such that he was chosen as one of five American experts by the Headquarters of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers for a summer pharmaceutical mission to occupied Japan.

Muldoon did much to advance the pharmacy school's reputation through his radio broadcasts. His first program, How Medicine Began, was broadcast over station KDKA in 1935 in celebration of National Pharmacy Week. From this initial broadcast followed a weekly presentation entitled Your Good Health. Muldoon was also very active in science education at the high school as well as the college level. In 1935, he began publication of The Science Counselor, a nationwide quarterly publication presenting teaching methods and scientific information for Catholic high school teachers. The publication was so popular that by 1942 other Catholic colleges, including St. Bonaventure, Villanova and Loyola of Los Angeles, had begun similar publications.

In 1953, he was awarded the Remington Honor Medal in Pharmacy for outstanding service as an educator, author and scientist. Suffering from terminal cancer, Muldoon resigned the deanship in 1955 and died less than one year later.

— Excerpted from The Spirit That Gives Life, by Dr. Joseph F. Rishel, Professor of History —

PEEKING INTO THE PAST

By November 1961, St. Martin's Hall was under construction on Bluff Street. It was named after one of DU's early presidents, the Reverend Martin Hehir, C.S.Sp. The dorm housed 557 students and featured three elevators, individual mail lockers, a commons room on each floor, a main recreation room, laundry facilities and telephones. In this photo, the new building and Assumption Hall (shown to the right) are separated from campus by a row of homes that were still privately owned.
**1950s**

Robert A. Warwick, B’56, and his wife, Gretchen, recently welcomed their 18th grandchild, Catherine Grace. Another granddaughter, Abigail, was accepted at St. Agnes High School in Houston, which brings the total to 33 Catholic schools attended by the family.

Thomas J. Ward, B’58, was named the 2009 recipient of the Nora Barry Fischer Award, an internal award established by the firm of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, to annually “recognize an attorney within the firm who has given back to the legal profession and the community at large.” Thomas is a special counsel in the firm’s business practice group. He serves on the board of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation’s Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership and has handled approximately 45 cases for indigent citizens over the past four years. He is president of the board of Pittsburgh Catholic Publishing Associates (the publisher of The Pittsburgh Catholic), past board president of the Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh and a member of Duquesne University’s Century Club of Distinguished Alumni.

**1960s**

Silvano Correa, A’62, has published, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Minhas Cartas: Expressoes de um idealista 1958-2008, a collection of letters that he wrote and were published in newspapers, magazines in the United States and Brazil—including Time Magazine, The Pittsburgh Press and others—that detail his social and political concerns during the last 50 years.

Carol (Mamula) Morgan, A’63, completed a watercolor workshop taught by nationally recognized watercolorist John Salminen. He has won numerous awards for his urban scenes, which Carol has begun to paint this year. She regularly exhibits her work in galleries and stores in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

Robert Sladack, B’63, was the recipient of the 2009 Tax Executives Institute (TEI) - Pittsburgh Distinguished Service Award. The award was in recognition of his social and political concerns during the last 50 years.

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

**Fred Young, A’65,** was recently honored with the Golden Quill’s lifetime achievement award in recognition of his longtime television news career.

He moved up through the ranks at Pittsburgh’s WTAE-TV, starting in the newsroom and ending up serving as the senior vice president of news for WTAE’s parent company, Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc.

Under his direction, his news organization has won many of television’s highest awards for excellence in journalism. Young has captured many journalism awards, including the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Duquesne Department of Journalism at its 60th anniversary celebration and the Paul White Award from the Radio-Television News Directors Association (he is only the second local broadcaster to receive the award in the 53 years the award has been given). He was also inducted into the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in May.

David J. Barrett, president and CEO of Hearst-Argyle, described Young’s contributions to the millions of viewers the company’s stations serve: “His imprint on our company is indelible thanks to the high standards he has set for our local journalism, his passionate commitment to integrity and quality, and his mentoring of some of the very best news people in television, both within our company and throughout the industry. He is unquestionably the most well respected executive in local television news, and his contributions over the years have helped to define success for our company.”

“his professionalism when dealing with TEI members in his capacity as a past IRS appeals team chief, and for his many years of coordinating and conducting continuing education for CPAs in western Pennsylvania.”

Lucas J. Amato, SFO, GE’65, a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, has written Scriptural Meditations. The booklet gives instructions in how to use passages from Scripture to meditate while saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Franciscan Crown, the Seven Sorrows of Mary or the Rosary, including the Mysteries of Light. He lives in Sun City Center, Fla., where he regularly practices all four devotions.

**Clare E. Wherley, CFA, CFP, A’66,** is chief executive officer of Lassus Wherley, a wealth management firm with offices in New Providence, N.J., and Bonita Springs, Fla. She was recently honored as one of the 2009 Women of Achievement by Business & Professional Women of New Jersey. The awards “celebrate women who have exemplified excellence in leadership as a result of caring more than others think is practical and expecting more than others think is possible.”

Merrie (Spor) Aiken, E’68, and her husband, Edward Aiken, own and operate Victory Equine Centre International, Inc., and Cedar Ridge Farm Egyptian Arabians, LLC, in Frederick, Md. At Victory Equine Centre, they offer riding lessons, birthday and corporate parties, writers’ workshops and stress management using horses. At Cedar Ridge Farm, they have bred top bloodlines in Egyptian Arabian horses since 1984. ([www.VictoryEquineCentre.com](http://www.VictoryEquineCentre.com) or [www.crefegypt.com](http://www.crefegypt.com))

**1970s**

David J. Brightbill, JD’70, along with Thomas A. Bowen, talked about state and local tax reform issues as guest presenters at a conference sponsored by the Reading chapter of the Pennsylvania...
JoAnn K. Adams, GE’79, has been named senior vice president of global human resources for outdoor products provider The Coleman Company, Inc. She joined Coleman from Global Turnkey Solutions, a global supply chain outsourcing business, where she led a team located throughout North America, Asia-Pacific and Europe. Her focus was on change management, operational excellence, human capital management and global talent assessment.

Adams has an array of experience and successes in Fortune 500 companies, including Westinghouse Electric Corporation and Rockwell International. The overall scope of her experience includes a track record of building effective organizations with focus on strategic issues. She is experienced in the areas of organizational development and design, compensation and benefits, employee relations and diversity initiatives.

Robert J. Marino, A’73, JD’79, shareholder, Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., has become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Membership of the college is “composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada.” Fellowship in the college is extended by invitation only and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality.” He has been practicing in Pittsburgh for almost 30 years, has been elected to the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel, and for the past several years has been named in The Best Lawyers in America in the field of personal injury litigation.

Patrice Plesh DeMartino, E’74, received a doctorate in education (Education, Leadership, Management & Policy) from Seton Hall University.

Joan Ellenbogen, CPA, B’76, JD’81, managing partner of CrawfordEllenberg LLC, has been named Distinguished Accounting Alumnus for 2008 by the accounting faculty of Duquesne’s A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration. She was also inducted as an honorary member of the Beta Alpha Psi accounting honors society, Duquesne University chapter.

Joseph A. Napoli, A’77, JD’82, senior general attorney – corporate, United States Steel Corporation, was elected president of the Western Pennsylvania chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) for 2009. ACC serves the professional needs of attorneys who practice in the legal departments of corporations and other private sector organizations worldwide.

Sally Griffith Cimini, A’79, JD’86, chairperson of the employment and labor services group of the Pittsburgh law firm Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, P.C., has achieved advanced practitioner member status in the national Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR). She is “one of just three workplace mediators in Pennsylvania who have completed the stringent ACR training and met the experience requirements to earn this premier status.” She mediates for litigants under the ADR programs of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission, the American Arbitration Association, UPMC Intermediation Panel, and also mediates for private parties.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants in December. Senator Brightbill has 30 years of experience in the general practice of law plus 24 years as a state legislator, including six as both the senate majority leader and the chairman of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.

Eugene P. Trudell, E’70, has retired as vice president-business services for United States Steel Corporation. In his most recent post, he was responsible globally for information technology, process control and other administrative functions. His retirement press release noted that: “His efforts have contributed significantly to our ability to seamlessly conduct business at locations around the world and have helped us maintain our reputation for being an industry leader in the use of technology at all levels of our company.”

This Duquesne tradition offers local high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to meet with over 150 of the best colleges and universities in the country. A financial aid representative will also be available. Duquesne University’s College Fair is the largest fall event of its kind in the Pittsburgh area and attracts thousands of local students as they visit Duquesne’s campus and learn more about the college admissions process.

For more information, please visit www.admissions.duq.edu.
Alumni Spotlight

Paul M. Kvederis, A’59, recently completed his first book, Poems from the Stump, a collection of poems and other writings developed over several decades relating to nature, the outdoors, love and concern for others.

Kvederis is a retired public relations manager who spent almost 20 years working for Consolidation Coal Company (now CONSOL Energy Inc.). He also was a member and a chairman of the public relations committee of the Pennsylvania Coal Association, and a member of the West Virginia Press Association and the Illinois Press Association.

During his working years, he was active in community affairs, serving on many nonprofit boards. As president and public relations chairman of the Bethel-St. Clair Rotary Club, he helped launch Rotary International’s 1980s campaign to stop the spread of polio throughout the world. He also was public relations coordinator for the Boy Scouts of America Diamond Jubilee Skill-o-Rama.

Kvederis and his wife, JoAnn, reside in Bethel Park, Pa. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2007. They have three children and 10 grandchildren. For more information on his new book, visit http://www.stumpoems.com.

Cynthia A. Baldwin, JD’80, partner in the trial practice group of Duane Morris LLP in Pittsburgh, received the Anne X. Alpern Award. She was recognized for “her excellence and leadership in the legal profession and her significant professional impact on women in the law.” Before joining Duane Morris, she served as a justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court for two years and as a judge of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas for 16 years. She is the first African-American woman to be elected judge on the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas and the second African-American woman to be a justice on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. She practices in the area of litigation with a focus on appellate litigation and nonprofit governance. She is also an emeritus member of the Board of Directors of Duquesne University and has taught and lectured in the United States and internationally.

Gino F. Peluso, JD’80, was recently installed as president of the Duquesne University Law Alumni Association. His duties include presiding at meetings with the Board of Governors, along with attending and speaking at law alumni events in cities including Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York City and Washington, D.C., in order to stay connected with alumni and enhance the reputation of the law school. He has also been appointed to the advisory board of the Duquesne University School of Law and is a trustee of the scholarship fund.

Assisting law students, both financially and otherwise, is of paramount importance to the Law Alumni Association, which has made significant contributions towards that objective. At the conclusion of his term as president, he will be honored to serve as a speaker at the law school’s commencement in June 2010. A former prosecutor in the Westmoreland County District Attorney’s Office for nine years, Gino is entering his 29th year in the private practice of law.

Robert S. Bernstein, JD’81, of Bernstein Law Firm, P.C., has been recertified by the American Board of Certification as a creditors’ rights law specialist for an additional five years. He has been certified as both a creditors’ rights specialist and a business bankruptcy specialist since 1992. Bernstein Law Firm, with its main office in Pittsburgh and satellite offices throughout Pennsylvania, has a national reach in bankruptcy and restructuring and in creditors’ rights.

Karen Litzinger, B’81, was recently named as a master career development professional by the National Career Development Association.

Terry DeCarbo, E’82, principal of Independent Hill School and PACE East School, has been selected.

Fall Open House
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009

This exciting experience provides a fun and informative day for current high school seniors and their parent/s to meet representatives from admissions, financial aid, academic and administrative departments. There will be self-guided tours, music, food and many other opportunities to learn about college admissions procedures, classes, majors and career opportunities.

Register online and see the day’s itinerary at www.admissions.duq.edu or call 412.396.6222 for more information.
as the Prince William County winner of The Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award and as Prince William County Principal of the Year. He is “best known in the county as a principal who took a struggling school and turned it into an opportunity for students who needed an alternative approach to educational excellence” and he “completely rebuilt the PACE East program from the ground up, including infrastructure and curriculum, forming a world-class environment for students and staff.”

James W. Saxton, JD’82, chair of Stevens & Lee’s health care litigation group and co-chair of the health care department, is one of the authors of the chapter Informed Consent in the book Weight Loss Surgery: A Multidisciplinary Approach, published by Matrix Medical Communications. He presented Medical Malpractice: How to Prevent and Defend at the annual meeting of the American Urological Association in Chicago, where he discussed the “drivers behind medical malpractice suits and how they can be controlled.” He also presented EMR Risk in 2009 and Beyond at the annual meeting of the Physician Insurers Association of America in Hawaii, where he discussed the potential of electronic medical records (EMRs) and the risks associated with their use. He also spoke about reducing health care liability risk at the Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs Annual Health Care Conference in Hershey, Pa.

Rev. David W. Brown, A’84, was awarded the 2008 Dickins Prize for best student paper on United Methodist history related to the eastern Pennsylvania region for his article Chasing Steeples: African Americans in the United Methodist Church, featured in the Annals of Eastern Pennsylvania, a journal of the Historical Society and the Commission on Archives and History of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is an ordained deacon and serves on the ministry staff of Cookman United Methodist Church in Philadelphia and is president of BrownPartners, one of the largest minority-owned advertising agencies in Pennsylvania.

Marie Milie Jones, A’85, JD’87, new chairman of the Board of Directors of Duquesne University and partner in the firm of Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek & Eck, PLLC, has been listed in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers for 2009. She has received this distinction since 2004. She also presented the topic of Employment Law Update as Seen Through the Social Media Revolution to the American Law Firm Association 2009 international client seminar in Scottsdale and presented The Medicare Secondary Payer Statute – What is New and What is Not! to the Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRIP) at its 2009 spring conference in Daytona Beach. She is a defense trial attorney who represents companies in employment matters and other clients in commercial disputes and achieved prominence in her representation of counties and local governments sued by those who allege police abuse, excessive force and other violations of constitutional rights.

Danette DiMarco, A’86, GA’88, Ph.D.’90, professor of English at Slippery Rock University and recipient of the university’s 2009 President’s Award for Scholarly and Creative Achievement, has been appointed coordinator of the university’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Education Technology. She was noted for “her outstanding scholarship and talent as a teacher as well as the quality and depth of her research.”

Baron (BB) Flenory, A’87, Duquesne University basketball star, was inducted into the Pennsylvania Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008. This year he was honored as the Pressley Ridge 2009 Teacher/Counselor of the Year. He was selected from more than 950 Pressley Ridge employees in seven states and Portugal and Hungary. The school helps “troubled children find success in life through a variety of programs.” He is a transition specialist who helps students at Pressley Ridge’s Allegheny Day School program “plan and prepare for their future educational goals and make a successful transition to adulthood” and started a basketball program to help the students learn teamwork, sportsmanship and how to support each other.

1990s

Joseph Muha, P’90, has accepted a position with Meijer as a prescription drug buyer. He received an MBA from Webster University in 2006. He, his wife, Jacquelyn (White) Muha, P’91, and daughter, Madelyn, are relocating to the Grand Rapids area.

Roland Barksdale-Hall, GA’93, is the author of African Americans in Mercer County (Arcadia Publishing’s Images of America series). He works as a college professor, historian and genealogy expert, and his son will be attending Duquesne this fall. A feature about his book appeared in The Sharon Herald on June 21.

Lydia Lechitter, GE’94, received a doctorate in clinical psychology from the Fielding Graduate University. Her dissertation focused on three areas of clinical interest: adult attachment patterns, personality disorders and risk for substance abuse. Although she has been working in both the clinical and mood disorders research departments at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic since returning from New York City, she...
is working toward developing her private practice where she will offer psychotherapy and psychological testing services.

Jason Boyne, A’96, is one of the co-founders of CorrTableSportsLLC, the company that created Tockey, the Original Table Hockey, and distributes Tockey tables worldwide. The company, along with professional hockey player Mike Knuble, made a donation of recreational equipment to The Center for Grieving Children, Teens and Families in Philadelphia.

Maria Rolinski, N’96, recently earned her M.S.N. with specialization in nurse anesthesia from the University of Pittsburgh. She resides in Boardman, Ohio, with her husband, Jack Cochran, Jr.

Tia (Skrip) Pfeuffer, E’99, and Michael Pfeuffer, A’99, JD’02, are the parents of 5-year old Michael. Tia is a teacher at Keystone Oaks Middle School and Michael owns MixStirs Cafe in Market Square (Pittsburgh).

2000s

Shannon (Litman) Tajc, HS’00, is currently practicing perfusion in Lafayette, Ind., with Trident Health Resources, Inc. She married Michael Tajc in 2006 and they are the parents of Rocco Lawrence.

Melissa Chastain, GA’01, Ph.D.’07, will be the interim chair of the School of Communication at Spalding University in Louisville, Ky.

Joanna Kotcher, N’01, obtained her Master of Public Health degree with specializations in conflict and trauma and refugee health from Loma Linda University. She has joined Merlin, a global medical nonprofit, which delivers emergency medical relief and health care to countries devastated by conflict, disease and disaster. She is currently coordinating emergency health support in Gaza.

Ginelle Gynette (Bates) McPherson, HS’01, GLPA’08, is a laboratory director and clinical perfusionist with Hospital Clinical Services Group at Crittenton Hospital Medical Center. She and her husband, Frederick Lamar McPherson, will be residing in Hartford, Conn.

Timothy John Skrip, B’01, is a CPA and an employee of Federated Investors of Pittsburgh. He married Carmela Notte, E’01, in June 2002 and they are the parents of Julia Nicole and Lily Briane.

Keri Muller, E’02, recently completed her first half of graduate school at the University of San Francisco in the Digital Media and Learning Program. She was also hired for an internship at Zeum, a digital arts and technology museum for children ages 3-12 in San Francisco.

Brian P. McNelis, B’03, received his MBA from Carnegie Mellon University in 2009 and is a senior associate director for loan syndications at PNC Capital Markets.

Dean Falavolito, JD’04, has rejoined Burns, White & Hickton, LLC, as an associate in the Pittsburgh office. He practices in the areas of employment law, business law, construction litigation and occupational illness litigation.

Kathleen G. Sheehan, JD’04, joined the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining, focusing on regulatory and compliance standards and enforcement of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. She was also recently elected to the board of directors of Just Harvest, a Pittsburgh-based, anti-poverty, nonprofit organization.

Katie (Couture) Kelly, S’05, graduated from the University of Indiana Medical School and will be doing her internship and residency in Tampa/St. Petersburg, Fla., for the next three years. She is married to Edward Kelly, A’04.

Scott Chisholm, B’06, coaches at Oakland City University in Indiana and also serves as an instructor and advisor in the business department.

Timothy C. Fish, A’06, has joined Westinghouse Electric LLC at the Energy Center in Monroeville, Pa., as a NPP technical staff assistant. He is responsible for project scheduling for valve engineering in the nuclear power plants division and is the valve coordinator for projects in NPP.

He was a four-year member of the men’s hockey team while at Duquesne and served as an assistant coach for two seasons following graduation.

Nici Kish, M’06, is a first grade teacher at Saint Ann Catholic School in Chicago and also teaches music to first and second grade students during the Saint Ann Furthers Education (SAFE) extended day program. She believes that “the creative and performing arts provide a unique opportunity for self-expression and help to build confidence in our children.” Previously, she served in the Inner-City Teaching Corps in Chicago, teaching kindergarten at St. Philip Neri, while earning her master’s in education from Northwestern University.

Jared Helfrich, B’07, recently obtained his Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation from the CFP Board of Standards. He is currently an analyst for Innovative Benefits Consulting, Inc., a diversified independent financial services firm specializing in creative life insurance and wealth transfer solutions for affluent individuals, business owners and key employees.

Wendy Kunkle, JD’08, is an associate in the litigation group of Burns, White & Hickton, LLC. She focuses her work on Medicare law and the preparation of workers’ compensation Medicare set-aside arrangements.

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Marriages

Maria Rolinski, N’96, married Jack Cochran, Jr.

Ginelle Gynette Bates, HS’01, GLPA’08, married Frederick Lamar McPherson.

Andrea Castiglione, GA’03, married Antonio Benitez.

Kristen Sheraw, S’05, GS’06, married Brian P. McNelis, B’03.

Shannon Gilbert, Pharm.D.’06, married Owen Summers.

Tanecia Nicole Moran, N’06, married Dr. Richard E. Redlinger, Jr.

Alison Petras, B’07, married Jonathan M. Ogurchak, Pharm.D.’09.

Lindsey M. Aspden, S’08, married Brian P. Kelly, GS’04.

New Arrivals

Michael Thomas, son of Raymond M. Roberts, A’86, L’93, and Kimberly (Slavonic) Roberts.

Carson Robert, son of Todd McDermott, B’88, and Gina McDermott.


Margaret Rose, daughter of Clare (Gravenstine) Fitzpatrick, M’93, and John Fitzpatrick, A’93.

Olivia Grace, daughter of Ann (Ferguson) Bianchi, B’95, and Kirk Bianchi, MBA’05.

Anthony Joseph, son of Antonette (Pietropaolo) Farrah, R.Ph., P’95, and Joseph Alexander Farrah.

Kellan Joseph, son of Barbara A. Frank, E’95, and Dr. Darren A. Frank, S’95.

Addison Hope, daughter of Christine (Baran) Goldsworthy, E’97, GE’99, and Jeffrey Goldsworthy.

Jillian Rae, daughter of Renee (Krevosh) Kirkbride, N’97, and Darrell Kirkbride.

Abigail Elizabeth, daughter of Steven K. Swank, E’99, and Deena E. Swank.

Owen Marshall, son of Maggie (Vresko) Acklin, B’00, A’00, and Dan Acklin, B’00.

Lily Elizabeth, daughter of Kristin (Sims) Ash, A’00, and Eric Ash, A’99.

Marielle Sidney, daughter of Kathryn (Gallant) Dep, E’00, and Stephen Dep, A’00.

Nathan James, son of Emily (Todarello) Marchesani, A’00, and Brian Marchesani, A’00.

Nicholas Theodore, son of Heather (Kwitowski) Rifkin, Pharm.D.’00, and Brian Rifkin.

Rocco Lawrence, son of Shannon (Litman) Tajc, HS’00, and Michael Tajc.

Claire Kennedy, daughter of Anne Hogan Mill, Pharm.D.’01, and Mark Mill.

Julia Grace, daughter of Christine (Grech) Rueger, Pharm.D.’01, and Robert Rueger.

Jenna Renee, daughter of Sharon (Fruth) Zelem, Pharm.D.’01, and D. Joseph Zelem.

Max Jeffrey, son of Leigh Ann (Bender) David, B’02, and Ryan David.

Alessia Gabriela, daughter of Danielle (Talotta) Miller, A’02, B’02, and Brian Miller, Pharm.D.’04.

Sarah Ann, daughter of Patricia (Kosovac) Baumgartner, Pharm.D.’03, and Adam Baumgartner.

Nathanial Thomas, son of Emily (Durkota) Rice, Pharm.D.’03, and Mark Rice.

Chloe Julia, daughter of Amy (Ozegovich) Barnhart, A’04, and Wesley Barnhart.

Alexa Ann, daughter of Kelly (Konczakowski) Volk, B’04, and Justin Volk, B’04.

In Memoriam

Daniel H. Conway, B’34

Catherine Alton Auth Hoop, B’46

Samuel F. Talarico, B’52, P’58

Rosemary McGonigle Gianni, E’54

William L. Klein, A’56, GA’59

Michael J. Crosse, S’57

Leslie R. Morris, GE’61

Pat (Leslie) Kerns, A’63

James S. Urda, P’74

E. Jane Campbell Mika, JD’80

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You may also stay connected with Duquesne by e-mailing your updated information to alumnionline@duq.edu or by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 412.396.6209 or 800.456.8338 (800.I.LOVE.DU).
Alumni Travel Program Promotes Recreation and Enlightenment

Duquesne’s distinctive educational experience encourages students to develop global perspectives and understanding, both through studies on campus and through travel abroad.

That emphasis doesn’t end with graduation, as evidenced by the continued expansion of Duquesne’s alumni travel program for 2010. “We have nearly doubled the number of trips offered this year and added new destinations in Asia and Central and South America, along with traditionally popular sites in Europe,” explains Julie Shepard, director of alumni relations.

Among the notable options are two “Campus Abroad” educational excursions to Italy and a trip celebrating the 10th anniversary of Duquesne’s campus in Rome. The 2010 slate includes:

- **Cruise the Panama Canal**
  - Feb. 3-14

- **Voyage of Discovery: Wonders of the Galapagos Islands**
  - Feb. 5-13

- **River Life: Waterways of Holland and Belgium**
  - April 22-30

- **Treasures of China and the Yangtze River Cruise**
  - April 27-May 9

- **“Campus Abroad:” Italian Riviera and Chianti**
  - April 28-May 7

- **The Blue Voyage: Legendary Turkey and the Turquoise Coast**
  - May 31-June 14

- **Scandinavian and Russian Splendors**
  - June 15-30

- **The Land of Fire and Ice**
  - July 28-Aug. 5

- **Paris and London**
  - Aug. 6-14

- **Waterways of Russia**
  - Sept. 2-12

- **Oberammergau Passion Play**
  - Sept. 9-17

- **“Campus Abroad:” Siracusa and Palermo**
  - Sept. 17-27

- **Rome Campus 10th Anniversary**
  - Oct. 7-12

- **Holiday Markets on the Danube**
  - Nov. 29-Dec. 7

For more details and reservation information, visit the Alumni Travel section of www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 412.396.6209 or 800.456.8338 (800.I.LOVE.DU).

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**Sports Executive to Keynote 2010 Downtown Luncheon**

Len Komoroski, A’82, president of the Cleveland Cavaliers and Quicken Loans Arena, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Duquesne University Downtown Luncheon on Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

Komoroski has more than 25 years of experience in professional sports and entertainment. He gained his early experience just a few blocks from campus at Mellon Arena, in positions with the Pittsburgh Spirit indoor soccer team and the Penguins of the National Hockey League. From 1988-1994, he played a major role in establishing the National Basketball Association’s Minnesota Timberwolves franchise and its new downtown arena.

As senior vice president and chief of business operations for the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League for seven years, Komoroski brokered record-setting naming rights deals for the team’s new stadium and practice facilities, built a season ticket waiting list in excess of 40,000, and expanded the Eagles’ in-house communications and marketing operations.

Since joining the Cavaliers in 2003, he has led a remarkable turnaround both on and off the court. A team whose attendance averaged fewer than 12,000 per game before his arrival now consistently sells out its 20,000-seat arena and has experienced triple-digit increases in television and radio ratings. The Cavs’ corporate sales revenue now ranks among the highest in the league.

Komoroski also oversees the operations of the state-of-the-art Quicken Loans Arena, which also serves as home of the American Hockey League’s Lake Erie Monsters and hosts approximately 200 sports and entertainment events attracting nearly 2 million spectators each year.

The luncheon returns this year to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Registration opens at 11 a.m. with lunch served at noon. For information about individual reservations and corporate table sponsorships, call 412.396.6209 or watch for details posted at www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu.
It is said that a person’s home is their castle, a place of safety and security against unwanted invasions. The word “home” also conjures images of family, food and festivities, providing the setting for lasting memories. Your home can also serve as a source of tax benefits for you, while fulfilling your philanthropic intentions toward your favorite charity.

A Retained Life Estate (RLE) offers you a way to support the mission and work of Duquesne University by donating your personal residence to Duquesne, while retaining the right to live in the property for the rest of your life. A life estate may be retained for one or more lives, or it may be retained for a term of years. You may also provide for another individual to live in the property for the rest of that individual’s life. After your death, or at the end of the specified term of years, Duquesne University will sell the property and use the funds pursuant to your wishes.

Benefits

This type of gift provides tax savings and the security of knowing that you can make a major gift of a significant asset during your lifetime without relinquishing its use.

The immediate benefit of a RLE is an often substantial tax deduction for the charitable gift. This deduction is equal to the remainder interest in the property: the appraised fair market value of the real estate less the calculated value of the retained life use. You are responsible for obtaining an independent appraisal of the value of the property; because this expense is related to the charitable gift, it is deductible. The income tax deduction can mean significant tax savings in the year of the gift and may be carried forward for up to five additional years, to a limit of 30 percent of your adjusted gross income each year.

The deduction can shelter income on which you would otherwise pay taxes and yield immediate tax savings in the years in which the deduction is taken, thus providing you with tax savings to spend or reinvest. It is also likely that you will reduce your estate tax liability, as you will have moved a significant asset out of your estate.

Other Features

Once the transaction is pre-approved by the University’s Gift Acceptance Committee, you will retain full use of the property during your life and will have made a substantial and meaningful gift to Duquesne. All routine expenses, such as maintenance fees, property taxes, insurance and repairs remain your responsibility. If you later decide to vacate the property, you may rent all or part of the property to someone else or sell the property in cooperation with Duquesne. The irrevocable donation of real estate while retaining the right to use the property has become an increasingly attractive charitable gift arrangement.

Thus, this creative planning vehicle allows you to leave your house to Duquesne University, yet keep it—and all the attendant memories—for the rest of your life.

If you wish to discuss a retained life estate, or another gift of real estate or personal property, please contact Carrie Matesevac Collins at 412.396.4272 or collinscm@duq.edu.
Alumni Calendar

Sept. 19, 2009
David Garrett (virtuoso violinist) pre-reception and concert (Pgh.)
*Keep it Clean* South Side event with Duquesne Univ. Volunteers (Pgh.)
Pre-game reception, Dukes vs. Monmouth football game (N.J.)

Sept. 26, 2009
Pre-game reception, Dukes vs. Dayton football game (Ohio)

Sept. 28, 2009
Duquesne Athletic Fund Golf Outing sponsored by UPMC Health Plan (Pgh.)

Oct. 2-4, 2009
Duquesne Homecoming/Carnival Weekend

Oct. 2, 2009
Celebration of Claude Poullart des Places, C.S.Sp., Day (Pgh.)

Oct. 8, 2009
School of Law Annual Fall Reception (Pgh.)

Oct. 9, 2009
*Sleep in for Homelessness* organized by Duquesne Univ. Volunteers (Pgh.)

Oct. 15, 2009
School of Law Annual N.Y.C. Fall Reception (New York City)

Oct. 17, 2009
*Keep it Clean* South Side event organized by Duquesne Univ. Volunteers (Pgh.)

Oct. 23-24, 2009
Cyber-Crime and Digital Evidence: The 9th Annual Forensic Science and Law Conference (Pgh.)

Oct. 28, 2009
Duquesne Athletic Fund Tip-off Luncheon (Pgh.)

Oct. 30-31, 2009
Duquesne Athletics Hall of Fame Weekend (Pgh.)

Nov. 5, 2009
School of Law Annual Fall Reception (Washington, D.C.)

Nov. 10, 2009
Sustainability: Your Bridge to the Future organized by the School of Business (Pgh.)

Nov. 14, 2009
*Keep it Clean* South Side event organized by Duquesne Univ. Volunteers (Pgh.)

Nov. 16-19, 2009
Homeless Awareness Week (social justice/educational panel, street outreach, educational video and events) organized by Duquesne Univ. Volunteers (Pgh.)

Nov. 20, 2009 (date TBD)
All-alumni gathering with School of Education Dean Olga Welch (Anaheim, Calif.)

Nov. 21, 2009
Thanksgiving dinner served to families in need; partners are the United Way and the Urban League (Pgh.)

Nov. 30-Dec. 4, 2009
Gumberg Library's 7th annual Scholastic Book Fair (Pgh.)

November to December 2009
Holiday Helpings: Duquesne Univ. Volunteers will help collect toys, food, clothing and other holiday essentials for community partners (Pgh.)

Dec. 3, 2009
Duquesne University Light-Up Night, organized by SGA (Pgh.)

Dec. 5, 2009
School of Law goes to Radio City Christmas Spectacular (Pgh.)

Dec. 6, 2009
*O Come All Ye Faithful*, St. Paul Cathedral (Pgh.)

Dec. 12 & 13, 2009
Advent Midnight Mass in the Duquesne Chapel (also available online)

December 2009
Basketball pre-game receptions (dates TBD)

January 2010
Basketball pre-game receptions (dates TBD)

First Week of February 2010
Founders' Week Celebration (including Libermann Day) (Pgh.)

Feb. 18-19, 2010
Symposium on Phenomenology, Neuroscience and Cognition (Pgh.)

February 2010
South Side Soup Contest (date TBD) (Pgh.)
Won't You Be My Neighbor Sweater Drive with the Downtown Partnership (Pgh.)
Basketball pre-game receptions (dates TBD)

March 5-8, 2010
Women's A-10 Basketball Tournament (Upper Marlboro, Md.)

March 9, 2010
Men's A-10 First Round Basketball Games

March 11-14, 2010
Men's A-10 Basketball Tournament (Atlantic City, N.J.)

March 24, 2010
Duquesne University Downtown Luncheon with keynote speaker Len Komoroski, A'82, president of the Cleveland Cavaliers (Pgh.)

March 2010 (date TBD)
Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Young Alumni Council (Pgh.)

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