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Duquesne has always been a great teaching University.

Our small class sizes, dedicated faculty, and Spiritan sense of community make learning on our Bluff a deeply personal process—not just the rote memorization of facts, figures, theories, and procedures, but the sharing of knowledge and skills that help students to analyze and solve problems, to understand and communicate ideas, and to excel in their professional careers as well as all other aspects of their lives.

Less heralded—but no less important—is our increasing prominence as a research University. Other nearby schools may be better known in this realm, but we are rapidly gaining notice for the breadth and depth of our research. In terms of external grant funding, we are now the ninth largest research institution in Pennsylvania, receiving more than $13.2 million in fiscal 2008.

For us, tension between teaching and research does not exist; it is not an either/or proposition. Outstanding scholarly inquiry fuels great teaching, and vice versa. But there is an even greater question that must be considered. How are our research and teaching applied in addressing our world’s most vexing dilemmas and pressing needs? This is where Duquesne truly shines.

The riddle of autism provides evidence of our impact. So much is unknown. What causes autism in the first place? Why is the number of afflicted children increasing so dramatically? What factors might explain the differences in the severity of its impact from child to child? And how can we help those diagnosed with the condition to live fuller, more functional, happier lives?

Our cover story reveals the extent of Duquesne’s leading efforts in the field. Our natural scientists, for example, have developed sophisticated models for the microscopic study of environmental toxins and their effects on human genetics. Their studies seek to allow earlier diagnosis and treatment of autism, and perhaps to unlock the ultimate mystery of prevention.

This alone is impressive, but it’s only the beginning. In our Rangos School of Health Sciences, researchers use cutting-edge imaging technology to explore differences in brain function among children with autism and typical children—searching for the solutions to complex communication puzzles. School of Education faculty members are discovering ways to help young people with autism overcome the disorder’s social effects, thus keeping victims out of the justice system and in meaningful jobs.

Duquesne’s interdisciplinary research focus on autism is just one example of how our faculty and students are making a difference. In this issue, you will learn how our pharmacists are attacking another growing health concern—osteooporosis—through groundbreaking research on melatonin. The Mylan School of Pharmacy is also attacking the health insurance crisis, establishing a first-in-the-nation medication management program providing counseling to uninsured families. Meanwhile, as more and more of our landscape is paved over and built upon, psychology student researchers have documented the economic and social benefits of preserving and enhancing green spaces.

As a Spiritan community, we are called to teach, to conduct research, and to serve. We do so in the classroom, in the laboratory, and throughout the world. As alumni and friends, you share in our mission. Within these pages, you will also find passages from Spiritan writings that illuminate our distinctive legacy. As the new year begins, I invite you to reflect upon these excerpts, and to join us in our never-ending vocation of discovery, enlightenment, and service.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
President
Triplets, plus one.
That’s the crew that Karen and Russell Matthis sent to Duquesne University this past fall.
The 20-year-old Matthis triplets—John, Russell and Christopher—transferred as sophomores and their younger sister, Erin, 18, entered the freshman class at Duquesne, where Karen started working last year.
“They decided, surprisingly, to stick together,” says Karen Matthis. “They just didn’t want to miss the opportunity of going to college together. When you have five children in three years, like I did, they have no choice but to be the best of friends or the worst of enemies.”
When the boys were attending Peters Township High School outside of Pittsburgh, each played athletics. John, the oldest by one minute, considered Division III football scholarship offers, but opted instead to stick with his “younger” brothers. The boys initially commuted to Washington & Jefferson College after graduating from high school in 2007. They transferred to Duquesne as sophomores—and Erin decided Duquesne was the University for her as well.
Erin is well-accustomed to the drill of going to school with three older brothers.
“The only problem she has with the whole deal is they’re very particular about who she can go out with,” says Karen Matthis, who works in Brottier Hall for the Office of Residence Life.
At Duquesne, the Matthis crew covers a variety of academic interests. John is majoring in chemistry, while Russell is majoring in accounting, Christopher in biology and Erin in nursing.
Look-alikes Russell and Christopher sometimes play the “twin” game with their classmates on campus. When one is mistaken for another, the brothers often just play along—and the other brother eventually hears, “I met your brother today.”
The Matthises commute, juggling rides together while still managing early-morning workouts at Duquesne’s Power Recreation Center along with their classes and mother’s work schedule.
Meanwhile, the youngest Matthis, high school junior Emily, 17, had a major life adjustment to make.
“I have to go to high school all by myself,” she told her mother.
In two years, that may change.
“She would love to come here to Duquesne,” says Karen Matthis.

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Karen Matthis is surrounded by four of her five children, from left, Christopher, John, Russell and Erin. All four are attending Duquesne University; youngest daughter, Emily, is still in high school.
After leaving Duquesne, Christopher Koch, M’95, took his musical talents to both coasts and even ended up winning an Emmy and being nominated for an Oscar. He’s living out his dream of working in the entertainment industry while rubbing elbows with some of the biggest names in the business.

When Koch came to our Bluff in 1991, he loved playing jazz guitar. Because he wanted to study music technology, the Mary Pappert School of Music made sense to Koch, who graduated magna cum laude with a degree in recording arts and sciences.

During his time at Duquesne, Koch studied jazz guitar under Professor Mark Koch (no relation) and spent time singing with the Duquesne Chamber singers. During his senior year, Koch traveled to Europe as part of the group and shared their music in some of the greatest cathedrals and cities in the world.

“The friendships I made during that tour exist to this day. I can count at least five of that choir off the top of my head that are active parts of the New York City music scene,” notes Koch, who also lives in New York and who is quick to express his love for living and working in a city that boasts some of the finest art and talent in the world.

His love for his adopted hometown, though, doesn’t overshadow his sense of where he came from. He remembers some great mentors from his Duquesne days. Tom Kikta and Francisco Rodriguez, who Koch studied under while at Duquesne, provided the young student with some good foundations for thinking about music technology.
“The thing that prepared me most from Duquesne’s program would be in the recording philosophies that I learned from my professors...a well-rounded philosophy of the art and science of recording is never going to let you down,” says Koch.

After graduation, Koch accepted a job at Digital Dynamics Audio, Inc., in Pittsburgh, where he worked as an audio engineer, editing classical music under his then-boss—and his former Duquesne professor—Francisco Rodriguez.

Two years after graduating from Duquesne, Koch left his job in Pittsburgh and ventured to California where he worked for a Los Angeles-based studio electronics company. By 1998, Koch found himself leaving Los Angeles for New York City and a gig with Sony thanks to his classical editing skills, which he credits to Rodriguez.

For the next nine years, Koch worked in various capacities for Sony, including digitizing Columbia’s vast library of music. Working on the cutting edge of music technology was invigorating for Koch, but his real interest was not expressly in music. “I wanted to mix audio for video: television and film,” he recalls.

It was at this time that Koch transferred within Sony to work as an audio post-production mixer on DVDs and live concert performances for some of the biggest artists on the Sony label: Bruce Springsteen, Aerosmith, Prince and Destiny’s Child—just to name a few.

But just because he’s working with the big guys in the Big Apple, doesn’t mean that Koch has forgotten the roots of his love of music. He still plays guitar and bass around New York City with a number of bands, including his own: Not the Desmonds, with fellow Mary Pappert School of Music alumnus Michael Egbert.

“Four of the five of us in the band can claim some Pittsburgh roots—small world!” Koch says.

And though Koch jokes about a small world, his band plays some larger-than-life clubs around New York City. Koch’s band is another

“As the sound editor on the film, it was my challenge to enable Tupac to tell the story of his life in his own words from over 150 interviews he had given in his lifetime,” says Koch.

The challenge, though great, was well received. In 2003, the film was nominated for an Oscar for Best Documentary. Though he watched the Oscars from New York, Koch did fly to L.A. for the premiere of the film.

“That was a great thrill,” remembers Koch.

Koch’s biggest delight, however, came during the summer of 2007 when he got the chance to be part of NBC’s *Tony Bennett: An American Classic*. The television special aired during Thanksgiving week that year, and as part of the audio team for the show, Koch traveled to Los Angeles with his colleagues to accept an Emmy for Outstanding Sound Mixing for a Music Series or Special.

“The Emmy ceremony was crazy—and crazy long, too,” says Koch, who sat through a five-hour ceremony. “One of the greatest thrills about that evening was being able to share it with Joe Powers, another Duquesne graduate who was also being honored for mixing a Discovery Channel program.”

For a man who has accomplished great things in his career, Koch is quick to acknowledge his alma mater’s role in his success.

“If I were to pick a mentor from my Duquesne days, it would have to be Frank (Francisco) Rodriguez, hands down,” says Koch. “He provided a work philosophy that I carry with me to this day.”

It’s that work philosophy that has spurred Koch on to what he describes as his two greatest achievements. In 2003, Koch had the chance to work on his first feature being honored for mixing a Discovery Channel program.”

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“I believe that when I mix a film or television special, I bring a certain style of mixing and editing that is inherently intertwined with my musical background,” explains Koch, who now freelances from his home in Brooklyn, where he mixes albums and short films. “That’s where the beauty of the Duquesne program comes in—the program is a great balance between the musical aesthetic, which can be at once non-technological, and the engineering side, which is highly equipment-oriented, mathematical and technical. The best engineers are able to balance delicately between these worlds.”

By Randy Cole

Above: Koch seen performing with his band in New York.
The Positive Impact of Nature Trails

Students Find Crime Rate Decreases Near Parks; Property Values Rise
Duquesne students recently presented their findings from research that examined the impact of nature trails in Pittsburgh’s Mount Washington area to members of the neighborhood’s Community Development Corporation (CDC). Their presentation focused on the impact on economic development, crime and safety, and physical and mental health.

The research indicates that green spaces have a very positive impact on community health: crime rates on hiking and biking trails is very low, and criminal activity has decreased in areas adjacent to well-used trails in many communities across the nation; and real estate prices increase proportionally the closer a property is to recreational trails and parks.

The students are members of the service-learning senior seminar, Psychology of Social Engagement, at Duquesne. Mount Washington’s Grandview Scenic Byways Park is 240 acres and is comprised of smaller parks and well-developed nature trails. Students administered a neighborhood survey about park use, and conducted background research for a trails feasibility study. They worked in conjunction with Dr. Ilyssa Manspeizer, Grandview Park’s resource manager.

“The students’ findings have helped us identify necessary services for particular neighborhoods and brought an authoritative and professional voice to our community,” says Manspeizer. “The surveys they conducted for us in the past helped us identify the need for increased youth programming at one of the parks. We are now in the final stages of bringing in a suitable youth program for an unused building in that park.”

Duquesne psychology majors are required to take the service-learning senior seminar, which is designed to build a bridge between academic studies in psychology and social action beyond the University.

“I try to show the students that it is not very difficult to become involved in their own local community, and that there are many groups and organizations that can benefit from their passion and expertise,” says Associate Psychology Professor Eva Simms, a Mount Washington resident who taught the students and who is a member of the CDC. “This continuing collaboration with our community partner has been a great learning experience for our students, and it has already made a positive difference in the Mount Washington neighborhoods.”
Century Club Celebrates 30th Anniversary, Inducts Five New Members

Five new members were inducted into the Century Club of Distinguished Duquesne University Alumni at a dinner on Oct. 23 in the University’s Power Center Ballroom.

The Century Club was established during Duquesne’s 100th anniversary in 1978 to recognize graduates with exemplary records of professional achievement and service to the University and community. Fewer than 300 men and women have been admitted to its elite ranks. The 30th anniversary class of Century Club inductees includes:

**Marie Milie Jones, Esq., Arts 1985, Law 1987**

Jones studied French and math as an undergraduate at Duquesne, receiving her bachelor’s degree with honors in 1985. During her senior year, she enrolled in the Law School through the early admissions program. Upon earning her J.D. in 1987, she joined the Pittsburgh law firm of Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek and Eck.

Jones quickly gained the respect and confidence of colleagues and clients alike, representing individuals and corporations in complex employment litigation. In 1993, she was elected a partner in Meyer, Darragh. Just five years later, in 1998, she became the youngest female managing attorney of a law firm in the city’s history.

Beyond the realm of labor law, she is also recognized as a preeminent expert on risk management in law enforcement and corrections, counseling numerous government agencies and making scores of presentations to legal, academic and public groups.

Jones served as president of Duquesne’s Alumni Board of Governors from 1997 to 2001. Since 2003, she has been a member of the University’s Board of Directors, currently serving as vice chair. She has held leadership positions with the Pennsylvania Defense Institute; participated in many Bar Association committees; and was a founding board member of Artists and Cities, a non-profit organization promoting urban art.

Jones’ recent honors include the Leading Lady Award from Oakland Catholic High School, “Friend of County Government” from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, and the Duquesne Women’s Law Association’s “Woman of the Year.”

**Linda B. Hippert, Ed.D., Graduate Education 1997**

Hippert earned her bachelor’s degree in mathematics education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) and her master’s in curriculum and supervision from the University of Pittsburgh. She spent 14 years as a high school math teacher and five years as a principal before becoming superintendent of the South Fayette Township School District in 1996. At the same time, she was enrolled in Duquesne’s Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program for Educational Leaders, completing her degree with a dissertation on strategic planning in 1997.

South Fayette’s academic programs consistently rank among Pennsylvania’s highest performers in standardized testing—currently placing sixth out of the 576 school districts in the commonwealth.

Hippert has taught program design in Duquesne’s School of Education and is currently an adjunct faculty member in the undergraduate and graduate programs of Duquesne’s School of Leadership and Professional Advancement, where she has been recognized by the Adult Student Association with its Excellence in Leadership Award. She also holds an adjunct faculty appointment at California University of Pennsylvania.

Hippert has held leadership positions with the Agenda for Promoting Excellence in Education, the Southwest Pennsylvania Business Education Foundation, the Tri-State Study Council, and advisory boards at IUP, California and Duquesne, among others.

Her honors include the Finis Engleman Award from the American Association of School Administrators, the Pennsylvania School Public Relations Communications Award, the University of Pittsburgh’s Winsand Outstanding Educator Award, and Duquesne University’s Mind, Heart and Spirit Award for Academic Excellence.
Mary Adele Krolikowski, Business 1984, Graduate Business 1988

John earned a business degree in 1980 and a law degree in 1983. Mary Adele received a bachelor’s in business in 1984 and a master’s in 1988. They were married in the Duquesne University Chapel in 1986.

John joined Ayco, spending 21 years as a financial advisor, before forming his own company, Trebuchet Consulting, in 2006. For 25 years, he has helped clients to save and grow their assets in pursuit of their individual goals. He serves on the Board of Advisors to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Duquesne’s Advancing Our Legacy Steering Committee, and with Mary Adele, is active in St. Bernard’s Church.

Mary Adele began her career as a legal office manager and bookkeeper, but later elected to focus her energy instead on raising twins, Jack and Sarah, and pursuing a unique vocation as a community volunteer. Among her many causes is the Junior League of Pittsburgh, which she has served as president and chair of the finance, thrift shop and house operations committees. She volunteers with the Family Activity Center at the Allegheny County Jail, and together with John, serves as a reader for “Everybody Wins!” at Martin Luther King Elementary School.

Mary Adele has served as president and committee chair of the Duquesne University Women’s Advisory Board and is currently a member of the Alumni Board of Governors.

Matthew J. Wyvratt, Jr., Ph.D., Sciences 1970

Wyvratt earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry with high honors in 1970. After serving two years in the United States Army, he pursued doctoral studies at The Ohio State University on a National Science Foundation Fellowship. In 1976, he received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry, and joined the Merck Research Laboratories in Rahweh, N.J.

Wyvratt has risen to the rank of executive director with Merck, now responsible for medicinal chemistry research and product development, especially in the area of obesity-related drugs. He has authored nearly 130 scientific publications, nearly 90 presentations and posters, and is credited as an inventor on 80 registered United States patents.

The true impact of Wyvratt’s work is measured by the millions of people who have benefited from his discoveries. One of his earliest achievements was Vasotec®, which has been used to treat high blood pressure and congestive heart failure in more than 30 million people worldwide. He was also a principal in the development of Prinivil®, which is used for the same conditions, and more recently, Januvia®, a breakthrough medication that helps to lower blood sugar levels in patients with type 2 diabetes. These and other discoveries have helped countless people to lead longer, healthier lives.

Wyvratt is a consistent supporter of Duquesne, and recently returned to campus to present a seminar on the discovery and development of Januvia®.

By Bob Woodside
A new community health initiative developed by Duquesne University’s Mylan School of Pharmacy is the first initiative nationwide to provide ongoing counsel and support to uninsured families dealing with chronic health problems.

Duquesne Medication Management Services, a unique pharmacist-directed wellness and disease-management program, is aimed at improving patient outcomes, especially for patients taking multiple medications.

“Medication Management Services include ongoing monitoring of prescribed therapy, early identification and resolution of drug-related problems and ongoing patient education and counseling,” explains Dr. John Tomko, assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Duquesne. “Pharmacists are considered consultants and caregivers on the continuum of care. They collaborate closely with primary care physicians and other providers to improve their patient health.”

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The Mylan School initiated the program to enhance the preparation of pharmacy students for this practice. Dr. Tom Mattei, associate dean of professional programs, helped to set up the first of many relationships with local agencies that serve the underserved by partnering with Catholic Charities.

“We matched teams of professional-year students with eligible families who were referred by the clinic’s physician,” says Mattei. “The students, under the guidance of John Tomko, meet monthly with their assigned patients to provide medical monitoring, counseling and outcomes management.”

Duquesne’s is the only pharmacy school across the country that is providing medication therapy management services directly to the working poor, according to Tomko. “While other universities may offer a similar program in a limited setting, to their own employees in their own learning environment, for example, we are giving our students the opportunity to apply their knowledge to a real patient population in a real practice setting that immediately improves the quality of life of the family,” he says.

At the clinic, students conduct histories and physicals, perform appropriate screening tests, review the patient’s social and medication history and assess how the prescribed treatment was working.

“We wanted to make sure patients understand why they are taking their medications, how to take them, how to manage adverse reactions, and how the prescribed treatment will improve their health,” says Tomko. “In addition, the students recommended lifestyles changes, such as diet and exercise, that can make their medications work better.”

In addition to meeting an important community need, the Medication Management Services program provides a new learning environment for students.

“By using a family concept, we’ve introduced dynamics that would not occur with just one individual,” says Tomko. “Our students must deal with communication issues, cultural diversity issues, or transportation issues that this population brings to the program. The students are also working as part of an interdisciplinary team, with the referring physician, nurse and nurse practitioner, as well as with their own group, so they are learning managerial tasks as well. They also learn to prioritize their own time and their recommendations to their patients.”

In the process, students learn about Medicare billing, although all medication management services are provided at no cost through the program. The inaugural program, which matched 21 student teams with 21 families, was considered a success by students and families alike, and was expanded last year.
The hormone melatonin has been touted to benefit everything from jet lag to insomnia to depression. A one-year, $20,000 School of Pharmacy Translational Research Program grant is allowing a team of Duquesne professors and a Magee-Womens Hospital physician to explore whether melatonin can prevent bone loss in perimenopausal women, who are at risk for osteoporosis.

A person’s bones constantly break down and re-form bone to adjust to one’s lifestyle. Problems arise for women when they start going through menopause because their bones break down more than they form due to the loss of estrogen, according to Dr. Paula Witt-Enderby, professor of pharmacology in the Mylan School of Pharmacy and principal investigator of the research project.

“Estrogen in the body is protective against bone loss. When a woman’s estrogen levels decrease, this leads to brittle bones,” says Witt-Enderby. “Some women go on hormone replacement therapy (HRT) to supplement their loss in estrogen and progesterone. They usually go on this therapy to feel better, but this therapy also protects their bones. Some women may have an increased risk of breast cancer if they go on HRT, so they are afraid to go on HRT.”

Witt-Enderby and her team are trying to develop another therapy to protect from bone loss, in particular, testing to see if melatonin can prevent bone loss right before menopause.

“Our lab has shown positive effects of melatonin on making more of the cells that form bone. In our clinical trial, we are measuring the participants’ bone density and bone activity to test whether melatonin is helpful,” explains Witt-Enderby. “This research is really cutting-edge. We are probably only one of a few labs in the country looking at melatonin for preventing osteoporosis. In addition, we are assessing whether the women feel better on this therapy because they may be able to sleep better. So, we are surveying them on their sleep patterns and overall well-being.”

This research marks the first time that human clinical trials have been conducted in the Mylan School’s Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Witt-Enderby points out the importance of screening individuals for this clinical trial, each of who are perimenopausal, to ensure that there are no variables that may influence the results. The participants are first screened via questions in a phone interview. Eligible participants then visit the Pharmacy School’s Wellness Center, where they have their blood pressure and their bone

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Dr. Paula Witt-Enderby
density measured. They also complete questionnaires about their sleep habits and their general well-being, and have their blood work screened. They are then given diaries to record their daily activities over a six-month period.

“With respect to our clinical trial, we want to know if a dose of melatonin that causes shifts in one’s sleep/wake cycle is effective at preventing bone deterioration,” says Witt-Enderby. “The women who participate in this study will be doing something very important for all women, that is, they will have been part of a study that may discover a safe alternative therapy for women to prevent their bone loss. Their participation is critical because osteoporosis is one of the most common skeletal disorders.”

Today in the United States, approximately 10 million individuals have osteoporosis and 34 million more have low bone mass or osteopenia, which places them at an increased risk of developing osteoporosis, says Witt-Enderby. Of the people affected by this, 68 percent are women. Osteoporosis is characterized by low bone mass and microarchitectural disruption, such that fewer, thinner bony spicules—needle-like structures—are present, leading to less structural support. These hallmark features of osteoporosis lead to increased skeletal fragility and fracture risk.

“Study candidates will also gain a better understanding about the relative state of their bone mass, whether they participate in the study or not,” notes Witt-Enderby. “They will receive their bone density scores and information on how to improve their bone health to prevent their bones from becoming fragile.”

If the results from the research are promising, Witt-Enderby and her team plan to submit for larger National Institutes of Health grants to run bigger clinical trials at Duquesne in the Wellness Center. Other members of Witt-Enderby’s team include: Dr. Christine O’Neil, professor of pharmacy practice and director of the Academic Research Center for Pharmacy Care; Dr. Hilde Berdine, assistant professor of pharmacy practice; Dr. Holly Lassila, assistant professor of pharmacy practice; and Dr. Judith Balk, a physician at Magee-Womens Hospital.

Participants are still needed for this study—compensation is included. Interested women who are 45 and older and experiencing irregular periods can call 412.396.5874.

By Rose Ravasio
Snapshots

1. Art Rooney II, L’82, and Gino F. Peluso, L’80, spent time together at the Pittsburgh Steelers training camp last year.

2-3. A costume contest for children was part of Homecoming. The two winners were: Aidon Vigilante, age 4, son of Krista Bartolomucci, GA/MBA’03, with the Duquesne University Medieval & Renaissance Players, who performed during AutumnFest; and Anna Carlini, age 5, the daughter of Gene R. Carlini, B’07, and the granddaughter of Frank E. Carlini, A’72.

4. Members of Duquesne’s APD PSI chapter are shown with Pittsburgh’s mayor, Luke Ravenstahl, at the city’s Columbus Day parade.

5. After a dynamic performance, the Tamburitzans joined President Charles Dougherty for a photograph outside of the Slovak Embassy. Approximately 200 alumni and friends enjoyed an alumni reception with the Tammies, University leaders and Slovak officials in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 21, 2008.

6. Steve Grenier, B’96, GB’02, and Guang Grenier, GB’01, enjoy the company of other alums on the back porch of the Slovak Embassy in Washington, D.C., as part of an alumni reception.
When Mary Lou Jennings thinks of the Sister Thea Bowman Foundation, a quote from American writer Willa Cather comes to mind: “Where there is great love there are always miracles.”

Jennings says that for many students, the foundation—which aims to send young African-American students to a Catholic college or university—is their last hope for getting a college education, but often the springboard that launches them into academic and professional success.

Duquesne University has played a large role in the foundation’s history—approximately 40 of the nearly 100 students who have received the scholarship funding have gotten their undergraduate or graduate college education at Duquesne.

Jennings, the foundation’s executive director, points out two tremendous success stories, both of them involving Duquesne students. The first story involves a student who was homeless. The student went on to graduate from Duquesne after receiving a scholarship from the foundation, and is currently gainfully employed and has his own apartment.

The second story involves a young woman who the foundation supported all the way through high school and Duquesne. She went on to receive her MBA and now owns her own home.

“I want to say the foundation is inspirational, when you see the effect it has on people, on their lives,” says scholarship recipient Alexis Farquharson, B’05, GB’08. “It’s made a world of difference—if Thea was around now she’d be very excited.”

When she was alive, Sister Thea Bowman was described as the “springtime in everyone’s life” and as having a “God-gilded voice sent dancing, swaying, sashaying into our lives.”

Sister Thea, the granddaughter of slaves, was always very spiritual. At age 15, she joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration by entering St. Rose Convent in LaCrosse, Wis. She pursued her education with a passion and eventually received a doctorate of English literature and linguistics from Catholic University of America.

She served the Diocese of Jackson, Miss., as director of intercultural awareness, directed the Hallelujah Singers at Viterbo University, and helped found the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. In 1984, despite the death of both of her parents and her own breast cancer diagnosis, Sister Thea continued a very active schedule of speaking engagements, teaching and performing.

In October of 1989, Sister Thea and Jennings, who were friends, founded the Sister Thea Bowman Foundation. Less than a year later, on March 30, 1990, Sister Thea died in Canton, Miss.
Most, if not all, of the scholarship recipients are the first generation in their family to receive a baccalaureate degree. This is the case for Farquharson, who works for Bank of New York Mellon as a compliance consultant in the wealth management department.

“I’m a Duquesne fanatic,” she says. “I learned great things and I was exposed to great people.”

A scholarship from the foundation allowed Cleodis Williams, an integrated marketing student scheduled to graduate from Duquesne in 2010, to stay in school.

“After my freshman year, I ran into some academic troubles which in turn gave me some financial problems,” he says.

Debra Zugates, associate director of Duquesne’s Admissions Office, told Williams about the Sister Thea Bowman Foundation and introduced him to Jennings.

“I was very grateful because at that point I was down on my luck and looking for anyone to help me out—the fact she was able to do it for me I took it as a blessing and said that somebody’s looking out for me, there’s a reason that I’m here,” says Williams. “I’m fine now—I’m back on track.”

Wolguine Stervil, B’01, doesn’t think she would have attended college without the scholarship. She now works at Dap, a caulk and sealant company in Baltimore, as an accounting supervisor.

Dara Smith-Butler, N’08, was almost finished with her yearlong nursing accelerated second degree program when she found out there was a mistake with her loans and she would receive none of the funding she anticipated.

“I thought, ‘God, how am I going to make it through this program?’” says Smith-Butler.

Dr. Daniel K. Donnelly, associate provost/associate academic vice president for administration, and his assistant, Renee Stockey, told her about the foundation and she ended up receiving a scholarship.

“I consider it to be a miracle—the scholarship and the people I’ve met,” says Smith-Butler, who now works in the medical/surgical intensive care unit at a Pittsburgh hospital.

But there’s more to the Sister Thea Bowman Foundation than just money, according to both the scholarship recipients and Jennings.

“The commitment we make to them is forever,” says Jennings, who regularly keeps in touch with scholarship recipients and even hosts some of them for holidays at her home.

“Mary Lou is like a parent, a mentor and a friend—she’s caring, it’s a personal connection,” says Smith-Butler. “It’s a welcoming, loving environment. It’s God working through people.”

By Megan Tressler
Duquesne Board Extends President’s Contract Through 2016

The Duquesne University Board of Directors unanimously voted to extend President Charles Dougherty’s contract through 2016 at the annual October meeting. The decision comes on the heels of the successful completion of the University’s first strategic plan, a five-year initiative that Dougherty spearheaded shortly after his appointment, and the public announcement of a $150 million capital campaign—the largest in Duquesne’s history.

“The Board of Directors is pleased with the growth at Duquesne under the leadership and vision of President Charles Dougherty,” says Board Chairman P. David Pappert. “We have realized improvements in all areas of University life and are eager to build on this momentum as President Dougherty leads Duquesne on a path of continued accomplishments benefiting our students.”

Duquesne was recently ranked in the top tier of national universities by U.S. News & World Report. During Dougherty’s tenure, the academic profile of Duquesne’s student body and admissions selectivity have increased dramatically.

Dougherty has successfully led the effort to expand alumni outreach and build a comprehensive fund-raising program. More than $87.5 million has been raised to date, supporting the creation of new endowed chairs, more financial aid and scholarship funds, and new academic initiatives.

President Dougherty’s commitment to enhancing the student experience at Duquesne has led to exciting growth and development of campus facilities. Dougherty is also committed to enhancing athletics and Duquesne’s focus on its Catholic foundation.

Dougherty began his presidency in August 2001.

Duquesne Receives Prestigious Nursing Scholarship Funding

The Duquesne University School of Nursing has been named among the first of 58 institutions in the nation to receive funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) through the RWJF New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program. This groundbreaking national initiative, launched by RWJF and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), is designed to help alleviate the nation’s nursing shortage by dramatically expanding the corps of new nurses by providing financial aid to students who enroll in accelerated nursing degree programs.

One of only four schools in Pennsylvania to receive the RWJF funding, the School of Nursing will utilize the $100,000 for scholarships to support students enrolled in its second-degree nursing program.

Through the RWJF New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program, scholarships in the amount of $10,000 each will be distributed to entry-level nursing students in accelerated programs during the 2008-2009 academic year. Award preference is given to students from groups underrepresented in nursing or from disadvantaged backgrounds. Grant funding also will be used by the School of Nursing to help leverage new faculty resources and provide mentoring and leadership development resources to ensure successful program completion by scholarship recipients.

The RWJF is the nation’s largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to improving the health and health care of all Americans, and works with a diverse group of organizations and individuals to identify solutions and achieve comprehensive, meaningful and timely change.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing is the national voice for university and four-year college education programs in nursing. Representing more than 630 member schools of nursing at public and private institutions nationwide, the AACN works to establish quality standards for bachelor’s- and graduate-degree nursing education, assist deans
and directors to implement those standards, influence the nursing profession to improve health care, and promote public support of baccalaureate and graduate nursing education, research and practice.

Two Duquesne University Mock Trial Teams Win Titles

Two mock trial teams from Duquesne took top titles in recent competitions: one team won the national Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Tournament on Nov. 10, and another team brought home a title from the American Bar Association (ABA) National Labor and Employment Law Regional Championship, held Nov. 14-16 in Chicago.

The team competing in Buffalo earned its title by defeating the University of Akron team in the last round of four days of fierce competition. Among the 30 other competitors were Syracuse, Fordham, Temple, Emory, Catholic University and American University.

Adrienne Sadosky, a law student who works in the Office of University Advancement at Duquesne, was named Best Advocate in the final round and won Best Cross Examination in the preliminary round.

In the ABA competition, 14 teams competed. Duquesne defeated the University of Illinois in the final round to advance to the national championship.

Coaches included professors Michael Streib, Amelia Michele Joiner and Bruce Antkowiak.

Earlier in November, a Duquesne team took the top title in the annual National Tournament of Champions sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) and LexisNexis. By virtue of this win, the Duquesne University School of Law will host the National Tournament of Champions competition in 2010. The trophy will reside at Duquesne for the next year, until the competition is next held in New York City.

DU Receives Approval for PA’s First Alternative Energy Distributed Generation System

The Duquesne University Combined Heat and Power (CHP) facility has become the state’s first approved distributed generation system for creating Alternative Energy Credits (AECs) under Pennsylvania’s Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (AEPS) program.

The facility, which achieves overall efficiencies greater than 70 percent, generates the equivalent of 32,000 megawatt-hours of clean electric power. AECs represent the environmental attributes derived from generating electricity from renewable energy sources or from conserving electricity through energy efficient technologies. The credits can be sold or traded separately from the electricity itself, providing strong incentives for investing in clean energy sources, such as renewable energy and energy efficiency.

“The University has had a strong commitment to sustainability and has been an early adopter of clean technologies to efficiently light, heat and cool the campus,” says George Fecik, executive director of Facilities Management. “Today, 100 percent of the energy consumed on campus is from clean energy sources.”

Duquesne selected Nexant, the largest retail provider of environmental credit products and the leader in monetizing energy efficiency, to create environmental credits from qualifying campus projects.
In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, higher education was considered a luxury. Children often went to work in their early teens, providing income to supplement their parents’ wages. To forego this revenue, plus pay the cost of tuition, was impossible for most working class families, especially those who had recently immigrated to America.

Duquesne’s founding Spiritans fervently believed that this vicious cycle of poverty had to be reversed. True to their missionary calling, they struggled and sacrificed so that young people could build better lives through education. Their commitment is demonstrated through the story of Samuel Weiss, a Jewish student during the 1920s. In a conversation with the Rev. Martin Hehir, fourth president of the University, Weiss revealed that he would have to abandon his studies due to a lack of funds. Fr. Hehir immediately sent him back to class. Weiss finished his education free of charge and became a renowned jurist.

This scenario was repeated countless times during the early years. Such an approach is no longer practical today, but the University continues to pursue its founders’ dream of making education available to all who can benefit—regardless of their ability to pay.

Like our founders, we recognize that higher education is not a luxury—it is a necessity. While much has changed over 130 years, access to higher education remains a critical priority, and affordability remains a challenge—in some ways, even more now than ever.

Many students and families must deplete their savings and often incur large amounts of debt in obtaining a college education. For some, the total cost (tuition, fees, room, board and books) is a key factor in deciding whether to enroll—or stay—at a particular school.

Through prudent financial management, Duquesne keeps its costs at or below the levels of its peer institutions. Still, much more needs to be done to fully perpetuate our heritage.

Weiss famously expressed his deep gratitude by faithfully donating an amount equal to the prevailing annual tuition for many years after he achieved success. His generosity ensured that later generations of students enjoyed the same transformational experience from which he had benefited—a Duquesne education for the mind, heart and spirit.

Thousands of alumni have been touched and changed by Duquesne. Today and historically, the vast majority of them have received some sort of financial assistance. But whether one received aid or not, all are better off because of their years on our Bluff.

Others who are not Duquesne graduates have come to recognize the distinctive Duquesne difference. These friends now join with alumni in an unprecedented effort to ensure that our history, our heritage and our promise endure forever through The Legacy Fund.
Like most college and university fundraising drives, Duquesne University’s Advancing Our Legacy is driven by sweeping plans for the future—in this case, inclusion among America’s most prestigious Catholic institutions. The current campaign is distinctive, however, in being firmly rooted in the University’s history.

“We seek not so much to reinvent ourselves as we do to perfect the tradition that began with a small band of Holy Ghost Fathers, the Spiritans, more than 130 years ago,” President Charles J. Dougherty explained. “We are not pursuing a new and different purpose. Instead, we are intent upon finding better ways to live our enduring mission—to serve God by serving students.”

“This campaign has been an unparalleled success...”

University officials publicly announced the campaign at the annual Duquesne Society dinner on Oct. 10. As of that date, the campaign had raised more than $84 million since its launch in 2004. In the past three months, the total has increased to $87.5 million en route to a goal of $150 million by 2012.

“This campaign has been an unparalleled success,” Dougherty said. “Advancing Our Legacy has already created new endowed faculty chairs, provided unprecedented levels of academic support, and driven improvements to campus facilities.”

John P. Plante, vice president for University Advancement, points to other indicators of the campaign’s momentum. “The engagement of alumni and friends is at an all-time high,” Plante said. “Nearly 51,000 donors have supported the campaign to date, many making their largest gifts ever. More than 21,000 of these are first-time donors.”

The campaign focuses on three broad priorities. These include academic quality (programs and services that build Duquesne’s excellence in teaching and research), student experience (activities and facilities that attract and retain outstanding students and enrich their years on our Bluff), and an unprecedented emphasis on ensuring access.

“The finest academics and amenities mean nothing if students cannot afford to come to Duquesne,” Dougherty emphasized. “Our Spiritan founders believed that no deserving student should be denied the opportunity for an education because of the inability to pay. We honor their steadfastness by keeping their dream alive forever.”

Increasing the funds available for need-based scholarships and financial aid—especially endowed funds—will be a primary goal of this campaign and beyond. A new initiative, The Legacy Fund, encompasses general need-based aid, emergency scholarships for students facing unexpected financial challenges, and empowerment scholarships allowing Duquesne to identify, recruit and support worthy students from the neediest communities. The Legacy Fund will remain an integral part of Duquesne’s development operation after the campaign concludes in 2012, and other long-term benefits will continue as well.

“This campaign will do more than raise funds for a defined period of time,” Dougherty said. “It will lay the foundation and set the stage for even greater constituent engagement and development success in the years that follow.”

To learn more about Advancing Our Legacy, visit www.giving.duq.edu.

Campaign Highlights (as of Dec. 29, 2008)

| Overall Goal: $150 million by 2012 |
| Progress to Date: $87.5 million |
| Total Donors: 50,923 (21,019 are first-time donors) |

Gifts from Individuals of $500,000+: 25
(only eight in University history prior to this campaign)

Gifts from Individuals of $1 million+: 16
(only seven in University history prior to this campaign)
WAYS TO GIVE
Alumni, friends, parents, faculty, staff and organizations give generously to preserve and enhance Duquesne. Some donors give small amounts every year; others contribute large sums from time to time. Every donor and every dollar makes a difference in students’ lives by improving the quality and value of a Duquesne education.

Annual Giving is the lifeblood of the University. Your contributions:
- provide academic resources, such as scholarships, faculty support and equipment for classrooms, libraries and labs.
- enhance students’ experience through services and activities.
- enable the growth and development of a beautiful, functional campus.

You may designate gifts for any of these purposes, or make unrestricted gifts that help Duquesne meet its greatest needs. Annual gifts may be made online, by mail or through the TeleFund. If your employer offers Corporate Matching Gifts, you may be eligible to double—or even triple—the value of your gift.

Honor or Memorial Gifts offer an opportunity to recognize someone special or remember a deceased loved one. Gifts can be designated for any area of the University.

Major Gifts of $10,000 or more may be made in cash, or through appreciated securities, real estate or personal property.

Planned Giving allows you to contribute valuable support to the University while receiving tax benefits and a potential income source. Planned gifts include bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts and gifts of life insurance.

Organizations: The Office of Organizational Relations coordinates University-approved approaches for funding from corporations, foundations and other organizations.

To learn more, visit www.giving.duq.edu. Every investment—at every amount—pays dividends that last a lifetime. Join in Advancing Our Legacy by making your gift today.
Need-Based Scholarships

Need-based financial aid is a critical factor in attracting and retaining top-quality students. Some of this support is funded through existing endowed scholarships (both general and school- or program-based), but even more comes directly from University operating revenue. In fact, need-based financial aid is the second largest line item in Duquesne’s operating budget, yet we still fall short of our ambitious ideals. Simply put, the inability to pay tuition should never be a barrier to receiving a Duquesne education.

Increased endowment support through The Legacy Fund will help Duquesne to accelerate its recent success in enrolling outstanding students, while allowing more operating funds to be directed toward academic and student life enhancements. Most importantly, it will help reduce students’ and parents’ need to deplete family savings and/or incur substantial debt through loans.

“Third Alternative” Scholarships

Students’ financial circumstances often change suddenly. Students or family members may face catastrophic illness or injury; a parent may unexpectedly pass away or lose his or her job. Too often, these obstacles prove insurmountable, presenting students with two undesirable options: take on additional debt (if loans are even available), or abandon their studies entirely after investing great time and expense.

In the 1970s, the University itself faced a similar difficult decision: increase tuition dramatically, or simply close the doors. The students themselves overwhelmingly rejected these choices, instead pursuing a “third alternative.” By approaching local leaders and canvassing door-to-door, they raised the funds to save Duquesne.

That “can-do” spirit remains alive and well on our Bluff today. The Third Alternative Scholarships will provide emergency tuition and housing assistance, allowing students to continue their educations in the face of life’s challenges, without incurring additional debt.

Empowerment Scholarships

Hidden within America’s impoverished inner cities and rural communities are many bright young people with unlimited potential. Yet many of these youth—and their families—still do not consider a college education to be within the realm of possibility. Like the immigrants of 19th-century Pittsburgh, they view themselves as being locked in a perpetual cycle of poverty. At Duquesne, we see their prospects much differently.

Our Spiritan heritage reminds us that education is the most important tool for human liberation from poverty and injustice. Our history is replete with examples of students who were empowered by education to rise out of the difficult financial circumstances into which they were born. Our mission compels us to reach out to these populations.

We will proactively identify and recruit promising students—especially racial and ethnic minorities—in areas with low socioeconomic demographic profiles. Empowerment scholarships will offer the benefits of a Duquesne education to those who would not otherwise consider—much less take advantage of—such a transformational opportunity.

Giving Methods and Recognition

Donors may designate contributions to The Legacy Fund to any of these priorities, or they may make unrestricted gifts that will be divided among all three components.

Existing scholarship funds will continue to provide financial assistance within The Legacy Fund according to their respective criteria. New named endowment funds—of $50,000 or more—may be established for any of the three types of scholarships.

Every gift—in any amount—will perpetuate the dream of our Spiritan founders. With your support, The Legacy Fund will honor our history, extend our heritage and keep our promise to the future.
Duquesne’s alumni fondly recollect their friendships with the Holy Ghost Fathers, members of the order of Catholic priests and brothers (the Congregation of the Holy Spirit) that founded the University. Today, as a result of the congregation’s name change, the Holy Ghost Fathers are known as the Spiritans and their rich legacy still lies at the heart of the University’s endeavors, and is an intrinsic part of its principles and ethos.

Both ordained and lay Spiritans have prominent roles at the University and interact often with students in various ways. The entire Duquesne community is charged with the task of preserving and perpetuating the legacy of the Spiritans—by knowing them, their history and their charism.

Throughout their history, the Spiritans have passed on their wisdom and experience through their writings. Following are some examples of their legacy.

“Our Congregation is international and our apostolic activity usually puts us in contact with a culture different to our own. Necessarily then, our formation prepares us both for living in a community and in a situation that is intercultural. It is therefore advisable that the Spiritan live for a period of his initial formation in community with confreres of a culture different to his own. During the period of initial formation, students shall learn one of the foreign languages used for communicating within the Congregation.”

“An apostle of Jesus Christ can never be put off by obstacles. Accept them patiently but always persevere with projects that are clearly conducive to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. You can give way temporarily to these obstacles if there is no way around them: just wait confidently for God’s moment, keep faith and the time will come.”

“They will be the advocates, the supporters and the defenders of the weak and the little ones against those who oppress them. It is in circumstances like these that the great love and power of Jesus will grow in their souls. But everything they do must be characterized by a gentleness and prudence that Jesus will give them if they are faithful.”

“From his childhood, Claude Poullart des Places had a great concern for the poor. He was convinced 'that their souls were no less dear to Jesus than those of the greatest nobles in the land and that one could expect as much or even more from them'; therefore, he set out to produce virtuous and learned priests from amongst their number. Those he chose were freed from all material worries. They followed the same courses as the Jesuit scholastics and were carefully trained in catechism and preaching.”
“The aim of ongoing formation is to help us to continually update our response to God’s ongoing call, in faithfulness to our tradition and in openness to the signs of the times. This response implies a continuing conversion and renewal. It touches both our individual and community life. It helps us to make the total gift of ourselves for the sake of the Kingdom.”

“Formal and informal education are not something on the margins of our apostolate but an integral part of our mission of evangelization. This conviction is based on two considerations: on the one hand, this social ministry to the poor brings them freedom and promotes the dignity that is theirs as children of God; on the other, the contact it gives with the world of young people provides an opportunity for passing on the Good News, above all through the witness of the life of the educator. We will make a point of making young people aware of the problems of poverty and unjust structures in their society and the world at large.”

Samples taken from: Spiritan Rule of Life, no. 37; Guide for Spiritan Formation, no. 86; Spiritan General Chapter 1998, 2.13; Spiritan Rule of Life, no. 141; and the writings of Joseph Michel, C.S.Sp., and Francis Libermann, C.S.Sp.

By Carolina Pais-Barreto Beyers
The global economy may be floundering, but Duquesne’s schools that prepare students for the challenging world of business are flourishing.

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) has reaffirmed the accreditation of the A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration and John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business through 2012-2013.

Fewer than five percent of business schools worldwide—559 out of 11,500 spanning 70 countries—have earned this distinguished hallmark of excellence in management education. To maintain accreditation, schools must undergo a rigorous review every five years, focusing on 21 quality standards relating to faculty qualification, strategic management of resources, and interactions of faculty and students. Passing AACSB muster also requires a demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement and achievement of learning goals in degree programs.

“It takes a great deal of self-evaluation and determination to earn and maintain accreditation,” says Jerry Trapnell, chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. “Schools not only must meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculty and staff must make a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure continued delivery of high-quality education to students.”

Duquesne’s business programs first earned AACSB accreditation in 1961 and have retained it ever since, but this year’s review underscores the school’s remarkable recent advancement under Dean Alan R. Miciak.

“Dean Miciak has moved the school forward in all areas by emphasizing scholarship, promoting excellence and applying the University’s Spiritan, Catholic values to business education,” says University President Charles J. Dougherty. “His experience as a dean and faculty member at other academic institutions was a key to the school’s rapid progress over the last four years.”

Miciak came to Duquesne in 2005 after serving as dean of the Sobey School of Business at St. Mary’s University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Before that, he was a faculty member and director of the executive MBA program at the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary.

Under Miciak, the business school has gained international acclaim for its Sustainable MBA. This innovative program, launched in 2007, not only considers environmental stewardship, but also immerses students in the social, economic and ethical dimensions of business activity and impact.

“Outdated notions of the ‘green corporation’ are being replaced by a new model, the learning organization that rethinks products, processes and corporate culture to unleash game-changing innovation that makes better use of human and natural resources,” Miciak explains. “The best performing, most durable corporations will adopt and advance a new management framework focused on continuous learning and striving toward lasting, integrated sustainability.”

Underscoring Duquesne’s distinctive approach to responsible business leadership, the school became one of the first 100 endorsers of the Principles for Responsible Management Education, a United Nations-backed initiative.
promoting environmental stewardship, human rights and fair trade practices in business education.

Miciak’s successful implementation of this new degree program earned him a spot among the 2008 “100 Most Influential People in Finance.” He was the only academic named to the international list compiled by Treasury and Risk Magazine.

This personal recognition accompanies a cascade of recent praise for the school and its programs from outside observers. Among these accolades:

- The Donahue Graduate School of Business was listed for the third year in a row in the 2009 edition of The Princeton Review’s Best 296 Business Schools.
- The MBA program was ranked first in the world in schools of its size and eighth overall by The Aspen Institute for its emphasis on social and environmental issues.
- Duquesne ranked highest in ethical business education—along with Georgetown and Notre Dame—in a recent survey of 183 graduate business schools conducted by the Academy of Management Learning and Education, a well-regarded interdisciplinary management journal.
- The Donahue Graduate School of Business received the Page Prize for the best United States submission of an environmental sustainability curriculum. The Page Prize is a project of the Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina, designed to encourage efforts to expose business students to state-of-the-art environmental sustainability knowledge.

“Dean Miciak, the faculty and the staff of the school are to be congratulated for their dedication to providing students with critical skills that will allow them to successfully compete in the marketplace,” says Dougherty.

Miciak commends the faculty. “The accomplishment and reputation of our school—and ultimately, our students—are clearly linked to the enthusiastic efforts of our professors,” he says. “They are committed to innovative thinking, groundbreaking research and energetic teaching.”

Students appreciate the effort. Chris Togni, a member of the first Sustainable MBA cohort, recounted his experience in the pages of Newsweek. Along with fellow students, he put theory into practice as part of a team consulting a retailer on how to reduce waste from plastic bags. Discussing the program’s integration of classroom learning with real-world experience in an October 2007 article, he told the magazine, “It’s my differential advantage over other MBAs.”

Still, like any enterprise, a business school must attract investments of time and financial support in order to thrive. Here again, the Palumbo-Donahue School has excelled during Miciak’s tenure. More than 150 executives now share their talent and experience to enhance Duquesne’s business programs through participation in advisory boards and corporate and nonprofit partnerships. Since 2005, dollars donated to the business school have increased by 137 percent, while the number of business school donors has increased by 81 percent.

Some of those funds have been directed toward improvements in the school’s facilities. Carfang Commons is a new seven-room suite providing space for students to work on team projects. Named for lead donors Anthony and Carol Carfang, B’73, and N’73, Carfang Commons is a response to the increasing importance of collaborative efforts in business and education.

Other alumni and friends have taken the call to invest literally—entrusting students to manage a portion of their portfolios. Red and Blue Partners LP provides a real investment management experience for students as well as a competitive return for investors.

“To take our program to the next level, we wanted to expose our students to a real money management experience,” explains Thomas J. Nist, B’79. Nist, formerly a senior vice president with PNC Bank, joined the Duquesne faculty in 2007 as the inaugural Donahue Chair in Investment Management. The chair was funded through gifts from the family of the graduate business school’s namesake, John F. Donahue, H’90.

“Red and Blue Partners is a perfect example of the new entrepreneurial spirit that Dean Miciak has brought to the business school,” says Nist. “We’re moving into areas where we hadn’t gone before.”

Terry Jacobs, B’65, CEO of Penneco Oil Co., agrees with Nist’s assessment. “The national recognition, the development of Carfang Commons, and the creation of the Red and Blue Fund are just a few examples of the tremendous progress the school has made because of Dean Miciak’s leadership over the past four years.”

While expressing pride in his school’s recent growth and reaccreditation, Miciak is clearly not content to rest on his laurels.

“We’re gratified that AACSB, our academic peers, our alumni and friends have recognized our progress,” says Miciak. “Duquesne’s mission and history compel us to create an environment where a supportive faculty challenges and mentors students—a setting in which students are able to achieve their very best. If we are to keep producing business leaders capable of transforming organizations, communities and the world, then our school must continue to transform itself.”
Three mornings a week, Michael Brucker, 22, moves among the residents in wheelchairs and walkers at Windsor Place, serving pancakes and bacon, pouring juice and coffee.

“I get along with them pretty good,” says Brucker, a dietary aide who converses and interacts with the residents at the assisted living facility located outside of Pittsburgh. When Brucker was diagnosed with autism at age 2 ½, a neurologist told his parents then that he could get full Social Security. “I guess, in essence, he was telling me that Michael would never work,” says Brucker’s mother, Lori Wolff.

A special program emphasizing job and life skills training has helped to move Brucker into the workforce. The St. Anthony School Program at Duquesne University collaborates with faculty researcher Dr. Ann Huang to improve the lives of young adults with autism.

“He has made tremendous strides in all aspects; certainly in job skills, but more importantly in handling himself with people and working problems through himself,” says Wolff. “He’s okay to approach people and that conversation has a chance of being, maybe not normal, but close.”

Autism, a complex developmental disorder, is generally apparent in children by the age of 3, according to the Autism Society of America. Then, a lifetime of adjustments lies ahead as parents puzzle which specific adaptations work best for their children with autism.

To help lighten the burdens of this disability, Huang and other researchers at Duquesne are breaking new ground, examining the complex disorder from a multitude of aspects: employment, as well as legal systems, speech and language processes, even the body’s cellular functions. Passion fills these researchers’ words as they share their work focused on higher-functioning people with autism. Here are their stories:

**Job by Job**

“How can you change a child’s life to be better?” asks Huang, assistant professor in the Department of Counseling, Psychology and Special Education in the School of Education. Her answer is a model program that builds life and job skills to ease the transition for these young adults from high school to jobs, serving the likes of Brucker.

According to the state chapter of the Autism Society of America, an estimated 74,000-plus Pennsylvanians, most of them adults, have autism. The unemployment rate for this population soars as high as 90 percent. Financial support for finding community-based employment after public education or the age of 21 is nonexistent.

Huang’s research targets improving the lives these statistics represent. Using funding from Duquesne as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Huang has developed a program that incorporates vocational assessment and training, work-related social skills training, life skills building, and employer and co-worker training to help higher-functioning people with autism lead productive lives, taking their interests and strengths into account.

“Transitional services from school to work/college for students with disabilities have always been a weakness in the special education system,” says Huang. “When I first looked at the statistics of the unemployment rates among individuals
with various disabilities, I was shocked to know that only very few smart people, like individuals with very high-functioning autism or Asperger’s syndrome, are able to have a job. Even though some of them are able to get jobs, few can remain on their job for long.

“With that on my mind, I always want to explore a way to help people with autism achieve a more productive lifestyle and higher quality of life. Individuals with this disorder have to be trained with the skills and abilities that typically developing people were born to know. They are more likely to be employed and reach their fullest potential if they are well trained for the jobs.”

Huang’s program yields great impact with relatively little funding. With a total grant of $160,000 for 18 months, Huang has served 19 students with autism from a local charter school, as well as the St. Anthony Program at Duquesne. Last summer, all four graduating participants landed part- or full-time jobs.

“The best part is they learn by doing,” says Huang, applauding the network of employers who have worked with her students. “Kids with autism don’t know how to generalize their learning.”

Presenting tasks in bite-sized pieces makes all the difference with these learners, says Gary Eiseman, director of the secondary program for the St. Anthony School, which includes children with autism and other special needs students. “Kids with autism present more unique challenges,” says Eiseman. “Each child with autism is different in his own way. Annie’s research has provided us with materials that help us to better help the students.”

Students with autism generally are realistic about their dream jobs—landscaping, office work, housekeeping, food services, says Huang. Most often, their job skills are not barriers to successful employment.

“Social interaction on the job is the biggest issue,” says Huang. “If we are able to be supportive and offer training to the employer and other employees, we are able to help them understand (workers with autism) better.”

For instance, children with autism often have sensory hypersensitivity to perfumes, soaps, lights, even warmth, Huang observes. “If you are standing too close to them, they could feel you breathing on them and don’t like it. We teach them that if you feel uncomfortable, you need to communicate with us. We teach replacement behavior that is more socially appropriate and acceptable instead of screaming.”

Brucker says the St. Anthony Program taught him how to communicate with friends. “I’m usually just saying hello
Without crust or toast with peanut butter and jelly,” says Glasser. “He likes working with other people and interacts with the residents real well. He knows their names better than I do.”

One of Brucker’s favorite tasks is clearing the tables and setting places for lunch. He enjoys order, neatness and numbers. Exact numbers. He gets up for work at 5:54 a.m. He reveals the total of his last paycheck to the penny. He refers to his favorite Pittsburgh Steelers’ players by number and can recite the numbers—and ages—of the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey roster.

Outside of work, Brucker plays dek hockey, basketball and baseball, sings, dances and acts in a special needs program sponsored by the Civic Light Opera, engages in several programs and enjoys dances, pizza parties, video games and Harry Potter movies.

Overall, thanks to the Duquesne program, Wolff has seen her son grow. “I think he definitely has more confidence,” she says.

Huang hopes that her model program will grow as well. Operating a pilot program limited in space and funding, Huang feels badly about turning away those who request services. She hopes the day will come soon when this program is replicated elsewhere.

“Most parents want their kids to get the best,” she says. “People will come to realize it’s important to provide vocational training for people with disabilities.”

**Word by Word**

Dr. Diane Williams investigates the devastation autism can have on the ability to communicate, keenly focusing on the brain.

“Let’s address the underlying issues,” says Williams, assistant professor in the Department of Speech-Language Pathology in the Rangos School of Health Sciences. Her tools are gray and white matter, mixed with a Function Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) scan that reveals what part of the brain is thinking because it is using more blood.

Young volunteers travel across the country to Williams’ Pittsburgh labs, where they sit inside an fMRI machine up to their shoulders, listen to instructions for tasks through headphones, then respond via computer. The fMRI allows Williams to see where the blood flows, then analyze the outcome.

It isn’t that simple.

“Prior to our group’s research, people kept looking for a region in the brain to explore,” says Williams, who is co-director of a five-year National Institutes of Health grant to the Center for Autism Research, which operates in
Research also shows that people with autism have a hard time overriding bodily reactions with a higher level of thinking. For instance, a person with autism may know that a jangling fire alarm is only a drill, but he is unable to control his reaction; he cannot soothe and refocus himself as people typically do.

“Autism is fascinating; so much about people with autism actually works,” observes Williams. “They are interesting, fascinating, engaging individuals, but they still struggle a lot to function and to find their place in the world.”

Williams believes that interventions can be developed to help people with autism process language more effectively. “If the brain is ‘plastic’ (flexible) enough and the kids are young enough, what then can we do?” she asks. “If we identify autism earlier and start giving children with autism brain-friendly input, would this help train them to work as normally as possible?”

A believer, Williams keeps pushing for answers.

**Case by Case**

Dr. Tammy Hughes and Dr. Lawrence Sutton strive to keep youths with autism out of juvenile justice facilities. Hughes, associate professor in the School Psychology Program in the School of Education, and Sutton, a research associate in the program, have reported groundbreaking association with other university collaborators. “It is not a region, but across the brain that function takes place.”

For instance, she and her group have found that when reading sentences, children with autism use more of the brain area devoted to separate words while children in the control group process sentences in the part of the brain generally handling sentences. Further complicating comparisons between children with autism and typical children is that Williams and her team have tracked differences linked to age and development. The word/sentence processing patterns in a 10- to 15-year-old child with autism are different from a typical child of the same age—and different from people with autism 16 and older. Yet, patterns in the 16-plus age groups of volunteers with autism remain different from those of the control group.

“It’s actually taken us quite a while to interpret that data because of the differences,” says Williams, who presented her findings internationally this past spring and has a grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders to further develop her research skills.

Through the years, researchers have learned that children with autism can either be extremely sensitive to their environment or almost oblivious to it. Both extremes, Williams says, demonstrate an abnormality in sensory processing.
Dr. Tammy Hughes and Dr. Lawrence Sutton strive to keep youths with autism out of juvenile justice facilities.
Autism’s Impact

Autism’s impact has reached education, health services and the workplace, becoming an issue grappled with not only by the families involved but by our entire society—especially as these children age into adolescence and young adulthood. These statistics tell some of the story:

- In Pennsylvania, the number of children affected by autism has skyrocketed 876 percent between 1993 and 2003.
- Autism, a developmental disability, remains a mystery that affects one in every 150 American children—almost one in every 94 boys.
- In 2007, children with autism shared the sixth-most commonly classified disability receiving special education services.
- The lifetime cost of routine daily and medical care for a child with autism ranges from $3.5 million to $5 million, amassing to nearly $90 billion annually nationwide.

Sources: The Autism Society of America, the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pennsylvania Public Schools Autism Prevalence Report School Years 1992-2003.

research where juvenile detention facilities, education and delayed sexual development intersect.

Few individuals with autism are part of the juvenile justice system, but their numbers grow as autism increases in the general population. Yet, Hughes and Sutton say, many situations bringing 14- to 20-year-olds with autism into the juvenile justice system are preventable.

“We’re trying to inform people that treatment is available,” says Hughes. “Just as students with autism require adjustments to teaching strategies in school, so too do they require adjustments to intervention strategies that are impacted by the disorder.”

Because some youths with autism have high IQs, they may be expected to react normally to body language, sarcasm, figures of speech and other language—the very areas their disorder impacts.

“Some people say, ‘They should know better,’ and that’s just wrong,” says Sutton.

These children need to be taught interpretations of body language and appropriate reactions. Effective treatment entails teaching youths with autism to react in socially accepted ways, then practicing this new reaction in supervised, real-life circumstances. When youths with autism are excited, Sutton explains, they fall back to the last way a task was performed. Because of this fall-back process, Duquesne researchers have learned that follow-up practice to verbal instruction is a critical step that, until now, often was bypassed.

Proactive steps also are needed to safely handle issues related to sexual development and sexual education in youths with autism so they will neither become victims nor victimizers, says Hughes.

“Some children with autism are taken advantage of by teasing or bullying in this way because they are different, and they don’t know to run, to tell on other people or that they should not repeat what has been done to them,” says Hughes, whose research could impact policies.

On July 1, 2008, Pennsylvania became the first state with entitlement services for adults, independent of their IQs. Hughes and Sutton expect these services to foster independence by developing social and life skills that would allow youths with autism to live in group settings or on their own, to obtain jobs—and to steer clear of the legal system.

“Their quality of life will be enhanced, not just by making it safer,” says Sutton, “but by allowing them to contribute to and enjoy life as best they can.”

Cell by Cell

Through analytical chemistry, Dr. H.K. “Skip” Kingston examines autism and its possible link to abnormal levels of mercury in the body.

Kingston, a professor of chemistry in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, developed a process now known as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Method 6800, a way to study toxins so active that they change during analysis. A former Congressional Science Fellow of the U.S. House of Representatives, Kingston is training his energies on the biochemical intricacies of people with autism. Through a grant awarded by the Heinz Foundation last spring, he and his collaborators are comparing data from children with autism and typical children, checking for correlations of location, pollutants and autism.

Kingston is researching whether autism has possible links to genetic predisposition and the effects of mercury. The Autism Society of America says that the contribution of mercury exposure from fish, vaccines or environment to autism remains unsettled, but that mercury is a known neurotoxin. Based on previous research, Kingston theorizes that children with autism are unable to rid their bodies of excess mercury and other toxins through the hair and in other ways, as children typically do, thus they are suffering from toxic effects. Earlier research has shown abnormally low mercury content in the hair of children with autism compared with typical children.
If Kingston and his collaborators find correlations among their data, he plans to use his advanced Method 6800 to provide in-depth analysis of additional hair, fingernail and other samples.

“It could tell us what epigenetic code was in what cells at what time,” along with particular elements and biomarkers, Kingston says. He hopes this work will unlock which genes are expressed and which are repressed in children with autism—and under what environmental circumstances. These markers could lead to a physical diagnostic test for autism spectrum disorders at the earliest time after birth. Currently, children with autism are identified through behavioral tests after the first year.

Teacher-scholars at universities like Duquesne must engage in helping to solve such complex enigmas as autism, says Kingston.

“You can’t teach at the cutting edge if you don’t know the cutting edge,” says Kingston, the passion rising in his voice. “That’s really why a university is one of the only places this type of research can be done.”

Autism is a significant area of research at Duquesne because of the scope of issues springing from the grip of this disability, the many facets of its impact and growing numbers of diagnoses, according to Dr. Alan W. Seadler, associate academic vice president for research. “Autism is one of the pressing disorders that allows Duquesne to draw on the broad expertise of our faculty to improve the quality of life for the patients and families afflicted with this disorder.”

By Karen Ferrick-Roman
Awards Recognize Graduates' Commitment to Duquesne's Mission

Duquesne alumni from all walks of life live the University's mission in a variety of ways. This commitment is recognized through the Mind, Heart and Spirit Awards, presented in partnership with the Pittsburgh Steelers Radio Network.

The program emphasizes the five pillars of the mission—academic excellence, moral and spiritual values, ecumenism, service and world concerns. One recipient was honored at each Steelers exhibition and regular season home game—10 in all, two for each pillar.

Honorees received two tickets to the game, along with premium parking passes and admission to the radio network’s pre-game VIP tent. Their names were displayed on Heinz Field’s Jumbotron scoreboard during the game and mentioned in that game’s Duquesne radio advertisements. All 10 winners later received commemorative trophies and additional recognition at an exclusive campus event.

The 2008 Mind, Heart and Spirit Award winners included:

**Academic Excellence**

**Shawn R. Miller, E’06**

Miller, of Etna, Pa., is vice president of Tal-Million Laboratories, which organizes Lab Ratz Science Club. Lab Ratz is an after-school program offered throughout Pittsburgh’s North and South Hills and in Armstrong, Beaver and Butler counties. Lab Ratz groups meet weekly, introducing children in elementary and middle schools to basic scientific concepts through hands-on experiments. Lab Ratz also produces one-time assemblies for area schools and in-home science parties, awakening children’s natural curiosity and interest in discovery.

**Michelle Zuckerman-Parker, Ed.D., GA’02, GE’07**

Zuckerman-Parker resides in Greensburg, Pa. She is an assistant professor in the Center for Genomic Sciences of the Allegheny-Singer Research Institute at Allegheny General Hospital and directs the institute’s education and workforce development initiatives. Among these programs is the Biotechnology Research Collaborative, which offers impoverished women an opportunity to receive college educations and advance into careers as skilled biotechnologists in the region’s health care and research facilities.

**Moral and Spiritual Values**

**Eileen M. Spear, E’76**

Spear previously worked for Duquesne’s Spiritan Campus Ministry. Since 2006, she has served as office manager for Resurrection Church in Pittsburgh’s Brookline community. She has volunteered for more than 10 years at the Bethlehem Haven shelter for homeless women. Trained in reflexology, Spear gives foot massages to women struggling with unemployment, physical and mental illness, drug and alcohol addiction, or physical and sexual abuse, providing physical, emotional and spiritual relief. Last year, her innovative volunteer work was honored with the prestigious national Jefferson Award.

**Thomas V. Stehle, A’81**

Stehle has spent more than 30 years as a liturgist and musician with Roman Catholic parishes and dioceses in Pittsburgh, Peoria, Ill., and Washington, D.C. In May, he was appointed as pastoral associate for liturgy and director of music ministries at St. Matthew’s Cathedral in the nation’s capital. Stehle served as cantor for the installation of then-Pittsburgh Bishop Donald Wuerl in 1988, and was selected by Wuerl (now Archbishop of Washington) to assemble and conduct hundreds of singers and musicians for an outdoor Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI during the pope’s visit to Washington last year.

**Ecumenism**

**Alison A. Kliber, M.D., S’85**

Kliber, a resident of Butler, Pa., received her bachelor’s degree in biology in 1985. As an undergraduate, she participated in volunteer missions serving migrant farm workers in Mexico and Florida. Her experiences inspired her to pursue a career in medicine. She earned a residency scholarship from the National Health Service Corps and the prestigious Albert Schweitzer Fellowship for graduate students in health-related professions who are dedicated to addressing unmet needs. Kliber is now a physician with the faith-based East Liberty Family Health Care Center. The center serves impoverished and uninsured residents of the East Liberty, Garfield, Larimer and Lincoln-Lemington neighborhoods, recording more than 35,000 patient encounters annually. She also volunteers her time...
as a mentor to current Schweitzer Fellows at Pittsburgh universities.

Theresa A. Orlando, A’81

Orlando, of Glenshaw, Pa., has been an active advocate for social justice since the early 1960s. A member of the Thomas Merton Center, she was also a founder of the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition. She currently serves as the coalition’s president and on the Anti-Racism Team of Call to Action, a national Catholic organization. Both organizations work to fight discrimination of all kinds and to foster interfaith communication and understanding. Orlando was director of Miryam’s day shelter and treatment program for homeless women, located at Bethlehem Haven, Uptown, from 1993 until her retirement in September 2008. She previously served for 23 years as director of religious education for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Service

Leon Panella, P’66

A semi-retired pharmacist from Prospect, Pa., Panella joined the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity as an undergraduate and has remained active for more than four decades, serving on its national board of directors. He is a member of Duquesne’s Greek Alumni Council and regularly assists current student brothers with service projects, including the University’s annual Spring Clean-Up, in which hundreds of students, faculty, staff and alumni work to improve Pittsburgh neighborhoods. Panella often volunteers as a clown or as Santa Claus for nonprofit organizations including the McGuire Memorial Home.

Mark J. Sieg, GE’89

Sieg resides in Penn Hills, Pa., and is chief executive officer of the St. Anthony School Programs and St. Anthony Charitable Foundation. St. Anthony provides special education services for children and young adults with autism and other cognitive disabilities. Sieg has been involved with St. Anthony for 30 years, beginning in 1978 as a teenage volunteer with its former residential program. As CEO, he oversees operations at seven Catholic elementary schools and three high schools in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. St. Anthony also provides post-secondary career training for special needs students ages 18-21 at Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh.

World Concerns

William A. Manteris, DMD, GA’01, GA’07

After serving for decades as a Beaver County, Pa., dentist, Manteris retired and dedicated his time and attention to human rights activism. While earning his degrees from Duquesne, Manteris made trips to Central and Latin America to study economic and human development and to provide dental care to those in need. He has also participated in various medical mission organizations to provide dental care outreach overseas. Last year, Manteris joined the staff of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh as its Free Health Care Center’s volunteer dental director. He was recognized in May with Catholic Charities’ Caritas Award for Leadership in recognition of his outstanding contributions as volunteer dental director of the health care center.

Patricia L. Walter Ray, Esq., L’79

After serving five years as regional general counsel for Texas Instruments in Singapore and Hong Kong, Ray was recruited by the U.S. State Department in 2000 to serve on a United Nations team, rebuilding Kosovo’s legal system after the Balkan nation’s devastating war. Ray negotiated agreements spurring foreign investment in Kosovo, set up institutions to safeguard against corruption, and drafted intellectual property and antitrust statutes providing a robust framework for economic growth and recovery. Ray formerly served as a State Department envoy facilitating legal and commercial development in Morocco, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Albania. She currently resides in Pahoa, Hawaii.
One of the nation’s foremost organizations for promoting nursing education, the National League for Nursing (NLN), has designated the Duquesne University School of Nursing a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education, making it one of only three nursing schools in Pennsylvania with the title.

The school earned the designation, according to the NLN’s formal citation, for “creating environments that promote student learning and professional development.”

“At the School of Nursing we do not distinguish between student learning and professional development,” says Nursing Dean Eileen Zungolo. “We tie the two together so that our commitment to student learning is evidenced by our commitment to faculty development and vice versa.”

In the citation, the NLN lauds the School of Nursing’s innovative undergraduate curriculum design. Duquesne’s was the first nursing school in the nation to develop a curriculum based on the framework of the “synergy model,” a conceptual approach to nursing practice developed by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses. The synergy model holds that nurses must not only deliver care to their patients, but to be effective, nurses must serve and support their colleagues and the health care system itself.

The citation also calls the School of Nursing a pioneer of distance education. In 1997, the school launched the nation’s first fully online Ph.D. in nursing program, which, according to Zungolo, is an exemplar of the way the nursing school unifies a commitment to innovation as well as quality.

“At that time, both the technology and the concept of distance education were crude, to say the least, and institutionally there was not the kind of support that we have in place now for online learning,” says Zungolo, of the Ph.D. program launch. “When the faculty made the decision to move to a completely online Ph.D. program, it really was a pioneering step.”

The NLN citation praises the nursing school’s efforts to document how online graduate students are able to form a cohesive educational community, one in which academic rigor in no way is diminished by geographic diversity, age differences or variations in learning styles.

Today, all of its graduate programs are delivered exclusively online, and this semester the school began offering a second online doctoral track, a D.N.P. (Doctor of Nursing Practice) program, an advanced practice degree as distinguished from the Ph.D. program with its research focus.

The NLN developed the Center of Excellence in Nursing Education designation five years ago in order to showcase model programs, enhance the quality of nursing education and underscore the value of a career as a nurse educator, and, in the long run, Zungolo explains, ultimately to improve the quality of the nursing profession.

The School of Nursing is entitled to call itself an NLN Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for a three-year term, at the end of which time it can reapply for the designation.
Bishop Zubik to Keynote Downtown Luncheon

The Most Rev. David A. Zubik, D.D., A’71, GE’82, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Duquesne University Downtown Luncheon on Wednesday, March 25.

Zubik was installed as the twelfth bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh on Sept. 28, 2007. He earned his undergraduate degree from Duquesne with honors in 1971 before continuing his studies at St. Mary Seminary in Maryland and being ordained as a priest in 1975. While serving at several Pittsburgh parishes, he pursued graduate studies in Duquesne’s School of Education, earning a master’s degree in administration in 1982.

Zubik subsequently was appointed by then-Bishop Donald W. Wuerl to several diocesan positions. He was ordained as an auxiliary bishop in 1997. In that position, he served as the diocesan representative on Duquesne University’s board of directors until 2003, when he was named by Pope John Paul II as the eleventh bishop of Green Bay, Wis.

In Green Bay, Zubik led vigorous efforts to expand vocations, deepen spirituality and evangelize people of all ages. He responded decisively to address misconduct among clergy, developing strong programs to protect young people from sexual abuse.

A native of Ambridge, near Pittsburgh, Zubik is the fifth native son to lead the Diocese of Pittsburgh, following Bishops J.F. Regis Canevin (for whom Duquesne’s Canevin Hall is named), Hugh C. Boyle, Vincent M. Leonard and Wuerl. He is well known and respected for his deep understanding of the regional community and his warm, engaging pastoral style.

Join Duquesne alumni from throughout the Pittsburgh area to hear Bishop Zubik’s insights on current issues and remembrances from his formative years on our Bluff.

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 visit www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu.

By Bob Woodside, A’83

Homecoming Highlight: Blessing of the Rings

A Blessing of the Rings for alumni was held for the first time this Homecoming, and proved especially memorable for one particular couple.

Anastasia Matejka, A’98, GA’00, and Bryce Walat, A’97, GA’99, met as students on our Bluff. Just before the ring blessing ceremony began, Anastasia and Bryce found a quiet moment outside Old Main, where he surprised her with a marriage proposal. A few minutes later, University Chaplain, the Reverend Raymond French, C.S.Sp., blessed more than a dozen distinctive Duquesne class rings—and one shiny new engagement ring—during a touching ceremony in Trinity Hall.

The happy couple plans a wedding on Oct. 17, 2009, at Duquesne’s University Chapel.

Anastasia is the daughter of Dr. J. Kenneth Matejka, longtime professor of business at Duquesne.

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New Orleans Hornets guard Mike James (basketball, 1995-98); Dave Loya (football, 1994-97), the quarterback who led the Dukes to their first two Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Football League titles; and former rifle coach Dave Cramer (head coach, 1974-04) comprise the 2008-09 Duquesne University Sports Hall of Fame class, which was inducted late last year.

James, Loya and Cramer were honored at a banquet on November 14 as part of the men’s and women’s basketball season opening doubleheader.

James, a 1997-98 first team All-Atlantic 10 guard, is in his eighth National Basketball Association season. James’ NBA tenure is the third-longest by any Duquesne player. Only former Dukes Norm Nixon (10 years) and Sihugo Green (nine years) spent more time in the NBA. James, believed to be the only undrafted player in NBA history to average more than 20 points per game when he posted a 20.3 ppg. scoring average for the Toronto Raptors in 2006, led Duquesne in steals and assists as a sophomore, junior and senior. He finished his career 10th on Duquesne’s all-time scoring list with 1,411 points.

Loya, currently receivers coach for the Dukes, played a key role in Duquesne’s rise to prominence at the I-AA Mid-Major level in guiding the Dukes to MAAC titles in 1995 and 1996. Loya led the Dukes to their first bowl appearance—the 1995 ECAC Bowl—since the program’s heyday (1937 Orange Bowl) in going 30-7 as a starter. Duquesne won a school record 19 consecutive games in 1995 and 1996 with Loya at the helm. Loya, the first “modern era” quarterback to throw for 2,000 yards in a season, finished his career as the holder of 13 of a possible 15 passing records.

Cramer finished his career with the longest tenure of any coach or administrator in Duquesne athletics history at 30 years. He took over a struggling program in the mid-1970s and led the Dukes to a No. 17 ranking by the NCAA Rifle Coaches Association in 1996. He also produced a pair of NCAA Rifle Championship qualifiers. The Pennsylvania native, who was raised near Indiana, Pa., was an NRA Intercollegiate All-American for the Indiana, Pa., rifle team. He was an elite shooter on numerous national championship teams and two Pan American Games teams.
On the Air

Fans can join Duquesne men’s basketball head coach Ron Everhart and radio “Voice of the Dukes” Ray Goss for the Ron Everhart Radio Show live from Cupka’s 2 on Pittsburgh’s South Side. The show, which airs on Fox Sports Radio 970, may also be heard online at www.Fox970.com. Remaining show dates and times (subject to change) are listed below:

Thursday, Feb. 26  8–9 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 5  7–8 p.m.
Post-Season Wrap-up Show  TBA

In addition, fans can catch up with the latest news regarding the women’s basketball program by tuning in to the Coach Suzie McConnell-Serio Radio Show, which also airs weekly on Fox Sports Radio 970. The remaining show dates and times follow:

Thursday, Feb. 26  7–8 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 3  7–8 p.m.
Post-Season Wrap-up Show  TBA

Misadventures in Broadcasting

Ray Goss, who is in his 41st season as the radio “Voice of the Dukes,” has released his first book titled Misadventures in Broadcasting. In it, the Duquesne alum recounts numerous stories from his 50-plus years of radio play-by-play. To order a copy of Ray’s book, please visit www.raygoss.com.

According to a list of NCAA Division I radio broadcasters compiled by DeWayne Peevy of the Southeastern Conference, Goss ranks tied for eighth all-time in number of seasons behind the mic. Among active radio men, only Ball State’s Morry Mannies (53rd year), Mississippi State’s Jack Cristil (52nd) and Lafayette’s Dick Hammer (42nd) have more experience than Goss, who broadcast his first Duquesne basketball game as a student sports director in 1957. Goss—who has missed just one game as the “Voice of the Dukes”—started as DU’s full-time play-by-play man in 1968-69.
On the Road
with the DU Magazine

John Shanley, A’62, and his wife, Martha Cordic Shanley, E’53, took their Duquesne University Magazine to Red Rocks Amphitheater, west of Denver, Col., in October. They celebrated their grandson Jack’s 10th birthday with his parents, Susie and Tom Shanley of Denver.

Chris (Cassidy) Kormis, A’87, and David Kormis, JD’86, took their Duquesne University Magazine on the road to Quebec City, Canada. They are shown in front of the Chateau Frontenac.

Svetlana Vnucko, MBA’04, took her Duquesne University Magazine to one of the oldest castles near Vilnius, the current capital of Lithuania. Grand Duke Gediminas’ son Kęstutis built the Trakai Castle in the 14th century. It was the first castle complex in New Trakai, consisting of Peninsula Castle and Lake Galvė Island Castle.
Sandy Dell, S’77, sits atop a camel in the desert of Morocco, on a day trip from Marrakech. She took her Duquesne University Magazine along for a photo.

Mary Ann Healey Johnson, A’64, recently returned from a month-long trip across South Africa with a group of finance students from Virginia Tech. The group visited many businesses as well as power suppliers, as the nation is experiencing tremendous growth and power supply difficulties. Shown is Mary Ann at Cape Town with Table Mountain in the background.

In June, Amanda (Imler) Wilson, M’02, showed her Duquesne pride on Ruth Glacier in Alaska. Mt. McKinley, the highest point in North America, is the snow-covered peak seen in the background.

Education student Brian Koger; Dave Kraemer, B’06; business student Neal Bruder; and Heidi Hohman, A’96, pose in front of the chair Pope Benedict XVI was going to sit on when he arrived at World Youth Day ’08 in Sydney, Australia. They attended World Youth Day with St. Philip Parish in Crafton, Pa.

In November, Duquesne students studying at the Rome campus had a papal audience, in which Duquesne was mentioned by Pope Benedict XVI. Pictured are Eric Sinagra, TJ Joyce and Laura Steen.
In July, Nico Putoud, MBA’04, and his girlfriend, Nadia Miklasova, traveled through the Netherlands. Nico is shown in Kinderdijk, which has the largest concentration of old windmills in the Netherlands. These 19 windmills were placed on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 1997. Nico is currently working for STEELCASE as financial controller in Strasbourg, France.

Mike DeRiso, MBA’86, recently traveled to China to prepare for the launch of General Motors’ OnStar services with joint venture partners. Mike is shown standing outside the Shanghai Pudong Marriott.

Marybeth Wargo, a current nursing student who recently traveled to Ecuador, was one of the recipients of the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership 2008. She also received a scholarship from The International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership Program in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Victoria Clements Bocan, N’78, and Geraldine Higgins Burgoon, E’67, GE’72, recently met while traveling in Jerusalem. They did not realize they both attended DU until each revealed they had brought the same *Duquesne University Magazine* along for a photo. Shown is Geraldine, Jo Ann Clements Kauss, Victoria and Victoria’s husband, Eugene J. Bocan, Jr. The photo was taken from the Mount of Olives, which gives a view of Jerusalem from the east.

In July, Duquesne Energy Center Operator Eric Boker traveled to Aruba with his wife, Mary Anne; son, Brandon; and daughter, Brittany, who is a freshman in the School Of Education.
In July, Adele Might Barndollar, A’77, traveled to New York City and visited with her Duquesne roommate, Sandy Dell, S’77 (left). Here they pose with their DU Magazine in Chinatown before heading off to dinner in Little Italy. Adele is the daughter of the late DU Professor George Might (Business School), and Sandy was his student.

Anthony W. Fabio, A’80, JD’83, recently traveled with his family to Ireland, where they stayed at the haunted Ross Castle in Slane. Anthony reports that they did not see any ghosts.

The Grab sisters recently gathered in Dover, Del., for a baby shower for Alicia Grab Beaman. Pictured in front of the Dover Downs Race Track & Casino are: Rebecca Grab Holland, E’97; Bridgette Grab Lawrence, E’88; Jennifer Grab Milcarek, B’91, E’07; and Alicia Grab Beaman, E’01. Rebecca is the owner of a pre-school in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, Bridgette owns a child development center in Maryland, Jennifer is a program director in the School of Business at Duquesne University, and Alicia is a special education teacher in Dover, Del.

For almost three years, David Johns, PhD’99, has spent a lot of time studying, traveling and teaching in Central America and Mexico. Here, he is reading his DU Magazine in front of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. He is associate professor of theology at the Earlham School of Religion and also teaches theology in Spanish in various theological institutes connected to the Religious Society of Friends.

Cindy Vlosic, P’78, and Tom Winter, B’61, of Goodyear, Ariz., took their Duquesne University Magazine to Harold’s Cave Creek Corral in Cave Creek, Ariz. Harold’s has been a Pittsburgh Steelers bar for years and has been proudly displaying the “This is Steeler Country” banner for a long time.
In July, the Brewer family made their annual trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Pictured are: sisters Julie Brewer (DU business student) and Lauren Brewer, HS’07 (currently attending DU’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program), the girls’ aunt Linda Meyer, N’84, and Jaclyn Brewer (DU nursing student and twin sister of Julie). The girls’ mother, Nancy Brewer, has worked at Duquesne’s Law Library for 12 years.

William A. Fischer, GA’85, and his wife, Jan, honeymooned in Europe in 1966 and recently returned for a second honeymoon. Here, they are in front of the Palazzo Vecchio Campanile Tower in Florence, Italy.

Lucy M. McClure, GHS’07, recently traveled to the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists national conference in Whitehorse, Yukon. There, she and Pat Crist, Duquesne occupational therapy professor, presented a paper on their research on occupational change and quality of life issues among cancer survivors experiencing the late effects from earlier intervention.

In October, Paul Ewin, GLPA’06, and his wife, Tammy, traveled to the Pyramid of Kukulkan, part of the ancient Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza. Recently named one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, the site is located in the Yucatan Peninsula, approximately three hours from Cancun, Mexico.

Robert McGivern, P’57, and his wife of 50 years, Carolyn, are pictured at the Church of Saint Mary of the Angels in Assisi, Italy. The couple was in Italy in October and visited Rome, Venice, Florence, Bologna and Assisi.
Do you take your Duquesne University Magazine on the road?

Next time you’re traveling with your magazine, snap a picture and send it to us to show your fellow alums that the spirit of Duquesne circles the globe. Send your high resolution (300 dpi) image to us at dumagazine@duq.edu, along with information about your trip.

Due to the popularity of this feature, starting this spring, you can begin seeing many of these photos online. Details will be included in the Spring 2009 issue.
Fearing that rich and distinctive East European folk cultures might be lost in the great American melting pot, Dr. Lester Pierce in 1937 organized the Slavonic Tamburitza Orchestra under the musical direction of Matt L. Gouze. The group derived its name from the tamburitza, an ancient traditional stringed instrument related to the lute. Pierce, of the School of Education, was not himself of East European descent but took a special interest in that culture.

It all began in Minnesota, where Pierce was on the faculty of St. Thomas College in St. Paul. He took a trio of musicians—Matt L. Gouze, Frank Gouze and Anthony Antoncic—in 1932 and after adding two more performers, moved part of the group to St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas. An eastern tour in the 1936-1937 school year brought the American Tamburitza String Orchestra to Pittsburgh and to Duquesne. The group was a sensation, and Pierce was impressed with the support it received from ethnic groups in the area. Through the efforts of the Croatian Fraternal Union, he was able to negotiate to join the faculty of Duquesne University and move his Slavonic orchestra to the campus. Only half a dozen Duquesne students (all male) applied the first year. They received their musical training at night and gave primarily instrumental performances. Because they were such a novelty, they performed about 200 times a season, mainly at benefit concerts, to gain increased exposure. In their second season, KDKA radio arranged for a 13-week, nationwide series of broadcasts on a program known as “Slavonic Serenade.”

Their resources were not great. The group traveled in a second-hand 1929 Cadillac pulling an eight-bunk trailer. Renamed the Duquesne University Tamburitza Orchestra, the group made its first tour in October of 1937, when it played at the Nebraska State Teachers’ Convention. Unfortunately, it could not become financially self-supporting, and Duquesne was hard-pressed to keep itself financially afloat during this period, and so could not afford to continue its sponsorship.

Although the Second World War brought more hard times, it also provided an opportunity. Since its founding, the group had been composed entirely of men. The first woman to join the group was soprano soloist, Mary Verlich, in the 1939-1940 season. As the men went off to the war, it was the influx of young women, some not even affiliated with Duquesne University, that kept the group alive. During the war, a reporter from the Duquesne Duke first referred to them as the Tamburitzans, a name that has remained ever since. The efforts of the Tamburitza Scholarship Fund Committee and the dedication of the performers, who even as servicemen would join the troupe while on leave, maintained a nucleus for growth into a world-renowned institution after the war.

Later, Pierce—the author of a syndicated column on education, as well as host of a weekly radio show on the NBC network—became dean of the School of Education. He also had the idea to have a lasting memorial on campus to those who served and died in World War II. The shrine to Our Lady of Victory was dedicated in 1945.

By Dr. Joseph F. Rishel, Professor of History
Duquesne Professor Named State Pharmacist of the Year

Janet K. Astle, an instructor in the division of clinical, social and administrative science at Duquesne’s Mylan School of Pharmacy, was named the 2008 Pharmacist of the Year by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA).

This honor is presented to the pharmacist who has demonstrated dedication to the profession and its organizations. The PPA promotes the pharmacy profession through advocacy, education and communication to enhance patient care and public health.

Astle, who also is interim director of the Office of Experiential Education at the Mylan School, has been instrumental in mentoring the practice experiences of more than 2,000 Duquesne students. She plays a vital role in the development of Duquesne University’s pharmacy practice sites and has created and implemented many preceptor training programs. As adviser to the PPA-Allegheny County Pharmacists Association student chapter at Duquesne, Astle has led the group to win multiple national and state chapter awards.

A member of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Pharmacy Schools, Astle is Duquesne’s adviser and liaison to the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association-Allegheny County Pharmacist Association Academy. She earned her bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from Duquesne in 1980.

Music School Celebrates the Life and Works of Olivier Messiaen

The Mary Pappert School of Music celebrated the life and works of French composer Olivier Messiaen with a special four-day conference held at Duquesne in late November/early December.

Celebration Messiaen brought together Messiaen’s former students and foremost interpreters in concerts, master classes and scholarly presentations. The conference included a collaborative performance in conjunction with the music school’s series Musique on the Bluff: The French Seasons. The chamber music recital, The End of Time, featured Messiaen’s Quartet for the End of Time, written while the composer was held in a German prisoner of war camp during World War II.

DU Students Premiere Documentary on Pope’s U.S. Visit

On Nov. 17, the Duquesne University community gathered for the premiere screening of Christ Our Hope: 2008 Pilgrimage of the Pope, a 52-minute news-documentary produced by University students about Pope Benedict XVI’s visit to the United States last year.

Thirteen Duquesne journalism/multimedia arts students made headlines when they were selected as the only college TV crew to receive the coveted credentials to document the pontiff’s U.S. visit.
Pittsburgh Bishop and Duquesne alumnus David Zubik attended the screening, which was held in the Power Center Ballroom.

**DU Dedicates Studio in Memory of Musician, Recording Engineer**

Duquesne University’s Mary Pappert School of Music recently dedicated its recording studio control room in memory of William M. Schrecengost, who died in December 2006 from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. The owner and founder of Galaxy Recording Studios in the Pittsburgh area, Schrecengost had studied sound recording and jazz and classic guitar performance at Duquesne under Ken Karsh and Thomas Kikta.

After Schrecengost’s death, his family donated his recording equipment to Duquesne. Kikta and faculty members Bill Purse and Francisco Rodriguez coordinated its installation.

The William M. Schrecengost Memorial Control Room is part of Duquesne’s state-of-the-art sound recording and music technology complex, which provides students with extensive experience on the best equipment available. Students work not only on their own projects, but engineer actual recording sessions for outside clients, providing the “real world” experience which sharpens skills and fully prepares students for careers.

**Tools and Trends Showcased at PA Business Tech Conference**

On Nov. 13, technology trends such as Web conferencing and search engine rankings were the focus of the third annual Pennsylvania Business Technology Conference, which is aimed at helping small business owners and entrepreneurs start or grow their business with the help of today’s most cutting-edge technologies.

The day’s events, presented by Duquesne’s Donahue Graduate School of Business and the Small Business Development Center, featured sessions highlighting how small business can use e-mail to drive business, along with sessions on improving Web conferencing, viral marketing and brand awareness, and search engine marketing.

**Bioethics Expert Helps Launch Pascal Day**

On Oct. 2, Robert P. George, one of the nation’s leading experts in constitutional law and civil liberties, presented *Science, Philosophy and Religion in the Embryo Debate* as the keynote speech at Pascal Day, a new annual lecture series at Duquesne.

Sponsored by the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, the Pascal Day lecture series is devoted to exploring issues that cut across science, philosophy and faith.

A member of the President’s Council on Bioethics and the Council on Foreign Relations, George currently serves as Princeton University’s McCormick professor of jurisprudence and director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions. He is a proponent of “New Natural Law” theory, which holds that moral principles are accessible to rational inquiry. Additionally, he has authored numerous scholarly works that have influenced Catholic, Protestant and Jewish thinkers alike.

**DU Remembers Kristallnacht**

On Nov. 10, as part of its second annual remembrance of Kristallnacht, Duquesne examined the contributions that the Jewish community has made to American culture and compared the plights of the European Jew in the Nazi era and the black American slave in the South.

Kristallnacht and the Politics of Swing: Jews, Blacks and American Popular Music in the Nazi Era showcased music and spoken word in remembrance of the tragic events of the night in 1938 when Nazis raided Jewish storefronts and killed 91 Jews.

“Our program this year took a brief look at Nazi propaganda, at the popular music of that era, and the impact of Kristallnacht, and the Holocaust, on American culture,” says Dr. Dan Burston, chair of the psychology department and co-chair of the Jewish Faculty Forum at Duquesne.

Kristallnacht is sponsored by the Jewish Faculty Forum, the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, and Spiritan Campus Ministry.
**1940s**

Edward A. Rock, Sr., B’42, GA’49, founding father of Beta Pi Sigma Fraternity, was the oldest alumnus attending Duquesne’s 2008 Homecoming. He attended with his family Edward A. Rock, Jr., B’71 (from Newport News, Va.), Sharon (Rock) Munson, N’69, GE’78, and Brian Rock, B’98 (from Woodbridge, Va.).

**1960s**

Dr. Rosemarie Rizzo Parse, FAAN, N’60, is a consultant and visiting scholar at the New York University College of Nursing, and founder and current editor of *Nursing Science Quarterly*. She is also the founder of the Institute of Humanbecoming, a network of nurses and others committed to the advancement of nursing as a scientific discipline, and was the keynote speaker during the International Conference in Celebration of Nurses in Wales. She is one of the winners of the 2008 *New York Times* Tribute to Nurses Award, and a former dean and faculty member of Duquesne’s School of Nursing.

Don Crowley, A’63, of Methfessel and Werbel, P.C., in Edison, N.J., has been named for the third year as a New Jersey Super Lawyer.

Carol (Mamula) Morgan, A’63, recently won third place and a monetary prize for her pastel, *Worrying About The Heifer*, in the exhibit competition by the National Arts Program at the National Press Club. Since retiring from the Environmental Protection Agency, she has been taking voice and acting lessons, and this past summer performed in two Shakespeare plays produced by Foundry Players, at Foundry Methodist Church.

James E. Schoenfelder, A’65, a licensed professional counselor, has been recertified until 2013 by The National Board of Certified Counselors. He has opened a private practice of counseling in Duncansville, Pa., and specializes in suicide survivors’ loss and multicultural counseling in adolescents and adults. He is a part-time doctoral student in Duquesne’s Counselor Education Program.

George Romanowski, E’66, GE’67, has been named the recipient of the 2008 Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) Award for Service to the Community. The selection committee decided “that his involvement in the community has had a positive impact in the districts where he served” and “that all of his efforts are aimed at developing and maintaining strong communities that support students, their families and the schools that serve them.”

Dr. Ron Bowes, E’67, GE’69, was honored in December as a 2008 “Champion of Choice” by the REACH Foundation (Road to Educational Achievement through Choice, which is dedicated to ensuring parental choice in education in Pennsylvania). He is the assistant superintendent for public policy and development for the Diocese of Pittsburgh and is also past president of the Duquesne Alumni Association.
Lieutenant Commander Melvin Paul Kessler (Ret.), GM’78, has been appointed musical director and principal conductor of the National Concert Band of America. At the time of his retirement, he was the director of the U.S. Naval Academy Band in Annapolis, Md. He was the first member of the U.S. Navy Band in over 40 years to be commissioned a fleet bandmaster. In addition to performing with the U.S. Navy Band, he has been a member of or performed with symphony orchestras in Pittsburgh, Maryland and Virginia, as well as Opera Memphis. He has also performed for such notable artists as Barbara Mandrell, Mac Davis, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Bob Hope, as well as Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus and the Ice Follies.

He has taught in private and public schools and was the band director at Waynesburg College.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three gold stars), Navy Commendation Medal (gold star), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (gold star), Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal (five awards), Good Conduct Medal (three awards), National Defense Service Medal (three awards) and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Jonathan Klemens, S’70, P’76, MSLBE’07, is now the director of pharmacy services at Jefferson Regional Medical Center and was also elected as a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

Robert Maher, P’70, co-founder and co-owner of Patton Pharmacy, in Patton, Pa., was recognized as the 2008 George S. Maggio Award winner “for his hard work and dedication to pharmacy in Pennsylvania through his continuous contributions to third party relations.” Chairman of the third party committee for Value Drug Company since 1985, he has administered a retail pharmacy program for local employers in the Altoona area and has provided consulting to employers in the Altoona area “to maximize their drug benefit by showing the savings of using local pharmacies.”

Ann Turowski Mead, M’71, flutist, is director of the Warren County Summer Music School. MNA’TRI (meaning “three women” in Gaelic) with Ann, Victoria Hanson, M’72, and Joan Eighmey recently performed in concert at the Jamestown (N.Y.) Unitarian Universalist Piano Salon Series.

Linda A. Willett, GE’71, has joined the firm of Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold LLP as a partner in their New York office. She was the former Bristol-Myers Squibb Company vice president and deputy general counsel. She has been recognized by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association and the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund for her commitment to expanding diversity and advancing women in legal and corporate communities.

Victoria Hanson, M’72, cellist, is president of the Warren Civic Orchestra, and founder and executive director of the Riverside Chamber Players. MNA’TRI (meaning “three women” in Gaelic) with Victoria, Ann Turowski Mead, M’71, and Joan Eighmey recently performed in concert at the Jamestown (N.Y.) Unitarian Universalist Piano Salon Series.

Frank L. Brunetti, JD’73, practices law with the firm of Scarinci Hollenbeck in Lyndhurst, N.J., and is a professor of taxation and law at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has over 35 years of experience and has concentrated his work in the areas of tax planning for business entities and complex tax matters involving entities, individuals and their transactions. He is the author of Fundamentals of Federal Tax Accounting, published by the American Law Institute/American Bar Association.

Ira Weiss, JD’73, was presented the President’s Award for Distinguished Career Achievement by the Pennsylvania School Board Solicitor’s Association. The award recognizes a
Cheon Graham, GE’06, a graduate student in Duquesne’s school psychology program, has been selected for the American Psychological Association’s Minority Fellowship Program (MFP), one of the nation’s most successful, competitive training programs for ethnic and racial minority researchers.

Graham is one of just 13 fellows selected from across the nation for the MFP. She is among only three of the selected fellows who is enrolled in a school psychology program. The fellowship is for a maximum of three years.

Graham’s dissertation at Duquesne—a work in progress—will examine how educational status (dropout, GED, diploma, college/training) and employment opportunities impact the likelihood of decreasing or halting delinquency.

MFP provides a range of supporting programs for fellows including stipend support, dissertation support, ancillary training experiences, mentoring and career guidance, and access to an outstanding network of professional contacts.

The federally funded MFP program, which began in 1974, has supported more than 750 fellows earning their doctoral degrees. The programs now enjoy sponsorships by the National Institutes of Mental Health, National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Strokes, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

PSBSA member “who has contributed to Pennsylvania School Law through achievement at the highest level of professional accomplishment and has donated energy and talent to the association, its members and to Pennsylvania’s public schools.” He has advised municipalities and school districts on public sector finance issues for more than three decades and is currently special tax and general counsel for the Pittsburgh Public Schools. He was also an adjunct professor of law at Duquesne and has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for three consecutive years.

Linda (Samaj) Arbolino, M’74, recently presented a session at the Texas Choral Directors Association Convention in San Antonio. *Music Listening Strategies: How to Actively Engage Your Students in Music* explored the process used for encouraging active music listeners. A strategy for Dvorak’s *New World Symphony* was presented demonstrating the folk song to masterwork concept. Folk songs and games, vocal improvisation and compositional techniques were used to lead to a greater understanding of the instrumental masterwork. Currently Linda teaches elementary music at Hedgcoxe Elementary, Piano ISD. She is co-author of the Kodaly-inspired Piano ISD Elementary Music Curriculum, co-author of the Piano ISD K-12 Music Curriculum, a member of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Curriculum Team and has taught Kodaly Pedagogy, Levels I and III, in the University of North Texas Kodaly Certification Program. She has been awarded Piano ISD’s Teacher of the Year Award, the Ross Perot Excellence in Teaching Award, and has also been recognized in *Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers*.

Dr. Susan Larsen Beck, APRN, FAAN, N’74, is the inaugural chair holder of the Robert S. and Beth M. Carter Endowed Chair in the College of Nursing at the University of Utah, where she is a professor and teaches in the doctoral program. She has more than 25 years of experience as an advanced practice oncology nurse and is currently “a principal investigator of a multi-site clinical trial of a nursing intervention to mitigate cancer treatment-related symptoms in older men with prostate cancer (funded by the National Cancer Institute).” With this five-year appointment, she plans to expand her focus on patient care for vulnerable populations, including the elderly and those living in rural communities.

Patricia Siger, E’74, has been named senior vice president and chief development officer of the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh. She currently serves on the executive boards of Magee Women’s Hospital Foundation, Gilda’s Club of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Race for the Cure advisory board and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. She is vice-chairwoman of the board for the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, founder and chairwoman
of the Jewish Women’s Foundation and co-founder and member of the Gateway Bank of Pennsylvania’s board of directors.

**Nick Frankart, B’75,** has been named vice president and chief financial officer of Perkowitz + Ruth Architects in Long Beach, Calif.

**Kathleen (Karackai) Molden, N’77,** of St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing in Trenton, was selected as an item writer for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX). She was one of 11 nurses from across the nation to be selected for this assignment and was nominated on the basis of clinical specialty and nursing expertise. All nurses in the United States and four U.S. territories must take the NCLEX.

**Dr. Charles (C.T.) O’Donnell, II, GE’77,** is now president and CEO of The Rensselaerville Institute & Meeting Center, whose “outcome tools have been used to dramatically increase the effectiveness of government, foundation and nonprofit organizations working on pressing social issues such as poverty, education and healthcare.” He has more than 25 years of successful nonprofit CEO leadership experience and was president and CEO of KidsPeace National Centers.

**David B. White, S’77, JD’82,** of Burns, White & Hickton, LLC, was selected for the 15th edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for 2009 for medical malpractice law and personal injury litigation.

**Major General (Select) Kimberly Siniscalchi, N’79,** has received the University of Nebraska Medical Center (where she earned a master of science degree in nursing in 1988) College of Nursing Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award. She is currently chief of the Air Force Nurse Corps and assistant surgeon general for medical force development at the U.S. Air Force Headquarters, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

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### 1980s

**Janet K. Astle, P’80,** awarded the 2008 Pharmacist of the Year Award by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association, “has been instrumental in mentoring the practice experience of over 2,000 graduating pharmacists who have made significant contributions to pharmacy in the state of Pennsylvania and throughout the United States.” She is an advisor to the Academy of Student Pharmacists at Duquesne University, serves on the Pennsylvania Coalition of Pharmacy Schools and is Duquesne’s advisor to the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association-Allegheny County Pharmacist Association Academy.

**Susan Kisella Felton, B’80,** passed the examination for and was awarded the Certified Business Analysis Professional (CBAP) by the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA). Less than 500 CBAPs have been awarded worldwide. She has 25 years of experience in the IT field.

**Jeffrey J. Schwerer, B’80,** was promoted to general manager-iron and steel sales for Resco Products, Inc., in Pittsburgh.

**James Spallino, Jr., B’81,** has joined the firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, L.L.P. as a partner. He has particular experience with multigenerational planning for wealthy families, business succession planning for closely held business interests, charitable planning and asset protection planning, and has also counseled clients on cross-border estate planning issues for individuals and couples who have dual citizenship, including work with bilateral estate tax treaties.

**Joseph M. Ambrosio, A’82,** was recently named director of training for CLA Estate Services in Dallas, one of the nation’s largest estate planning firms. He has been in management training for more than 20 years and has post-graduate degrees from Duke University and the University of Heidelberg.

**Diane Boomsma, P’82,** selected as the winner of the 2008 Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association, “demonstrated the potential of merging specialties in compounding, nutrition, pain management and more in complimenting the care of her patients.” She recently opened her own pharmacy, Custom Prescriptions of Lancaster, LLC, a pharmacy dedicated to compounding, nutritional supplements and wellness products, and participated in PPA’s compounding task force to establish the association’s policies on compounding. She was also named the Dr. M. George Webber Compounding Pharmacist of the Year by the Professional Compounding Centers of America (PCCA).

**Chip Ganassi, B’82,** was recognized as an honorary alumnus by Carnegie Mellon University’s
In November, Terence Gallagher, B’78, was named one of the top 150 executive search professionals in the world on BusinessWeek’s “World’s Most Influential Headhunters” list.

Gallagher has more than 25 years of experience in executive search. After working with global professional services firms including KPMG—where he ran the Northeast Regional Executive Search Consulting Practice as a partner—he joined Battalia Winston International in 1991 as senior vice president and general manager of the New Jersey search practice, which he started. He was later promoted to executive vice president and partner in 1994. In recognition of his contributions to the growth of the firm, Gallagher advanced to become president of Battalia Winston International in 1997.

Gallagher’s primary focus has been in recruiting board directors, CEOs, general managers and all C-suite executives for a broad range of industries.

He is a member of the Americas Advisory Council for AESC, where he is active in promoting the best practices for client service for member firms of the Association of Executive Search Consultants. He is also an active member and past speaker regarding management consulting recruiting issues at the Association of Management Consulting Firms (AMCF). Gallagher also chairs the Global Professional Services Industry Sector Practice for The Amrop Hever Group, which has 307 consultants in 87 offices and 55 countries. He also serves on the advisory committee for the National Association of Corporate Directors, New Jersey Chapter.

Michele Monaghan Nicholas, JD’82, is now associate general counsel and assistant secretary of Armstrong World Industries, Inc. She will be responsible for providing legal counsel on corporate governance and SEC reporting matters.

James W. Saxton, JD’82, chair of Stevens & Lee’s health care litigation group and co-chair of the health care departments, has been named to the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC) board of directors, where he will also serve on its executive committee. He recently presented Electonic Medical Records: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly to global reinsurance broker Willis Re and was the keynote speaker (Physician Risk in 2009: New Risks, So New Strategies!) at the Medical Group Management Association’s fourth annual Medical Malpractice Insurance ExecuSummit. He was also a presenter at the fifth annual National Bariatric Summit in Florida, where he spoke “about the latest developments in bariatric risk management, including how practitioners can reduce risk by setting patient expectations, enhancing patient-doctor communication and using the right documentation” and is a co-author of the paper Ethics Training Needs to Emphasize Disclosure and Apology. In October, he presented two seminars at the 94th annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons in San Francisco where he talked about “enhancing patient-doctor communication, reducing legal liability by increasing patient satisfaction and, in cases of adverse events, disclosure policies which can include an apology.” In November, he presented the seminar Patient Satisfaction as a Driver in Litigation and How it Can Enhance Your Medical Practice to an audience of health care industry professionals at the Press Ganey National Client Conference in Texas. James is an active defense...
trial lawyer with more than 25 years of experience representing health care providers in state and federal court and administrative proceedings.

Chris (Federici) Owens, N’84, is director of the metro Atlanta chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Her husband, Mike Owens, Ph.D., P’84, was promoted to professor, department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Emory University School of Medicine. They are the parents of Samantha, a freshman at Emory University, and A.J., a high school senior.

Melaine Shannon Rothe, JD’84, has been appointed to the Allegheny County Bar Foundation Board of Trustees (which raises funds to award grants to providers of pro bono legal services to low-income citizens) for a three-year term and to the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Council. She heads the family law department of Jones, Gregg, Creehan & Gerace, and was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer from 2005 to 2008. She has also received pro bono awards from the Pennsylvania Bar Association and Allegheny County Bar Foundation.

Army Colonel Christopher Haas, A’85, returned from Afghanistan after a two-year tour as commander of 3rd Group Special Forces (A) and is now assigned on Capitol Hill as director of legislative affairs for the Special Operations Command. He is the son of Sally Noir Haas, A’60, and the late Kenneth (Billy) Haas, A’60.

Chris (Cassidy) Kormis, A’87, was named associate dean for marketing and communications for the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University. She will “launch a new branding campaign, roll out a redesigned Web site, work with a team to open a new building for the school this coming summer, promote the school’s programs, and oversee media relations, online and publications efforts.”

Diane Maldonado, GA’87, Ph.D.’04, is assistant provost for student outcomes and assessments at Point Park University.

Christina (Romel) Neft, A’87, was hired as the director of admissions for the HCR ManorCare Monroeville campus. She and her husband, Stuart, reside in Pittsburgh with their three dogs.

Pennsylvania Senator Jane Orie, JD’87, was honored in December as a 2008 “Champion of Choice” by the REACH Foundation (Road to Educational Achievement through CHoice, which is dedicated to ensuring parental choice in education in Pennsylvania).

Joseph H. Bucci, JD’88, a director at Houston Harbaugh, P.C., has been elected to a second term through 2011 on the board of directors for the Associated Builders & Contractors Inc. of Western Pennsylvania. He represents contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, owners, developers, architects, engineers, sureties, property managers and others engaged in the construction, design, public contracting and/or real estate development industries.

Matthew Tarosky, P’89, was promoted to captain in the U.S. Public Health Service and completed a law degree with a concentration in health law from Concord Law School. Previously he received a Pharm.D. from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

1990s

Daniel B. Donahoe, JD’90, of Burns, White & Hickton, LLC, was selected for the 15th edition of Best Lawyers in America for 2009 for railroad law.

David Yost, A’91, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the United States Marine Corps and is stationed at Quantico. He and his wife, Deanna, have two children and reside in Virginia. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Daniel Casciato, A’94, MBA’97, started his own copywriting business, writing copy for Web sites, newsletters, brochures, case studies and white papers for small and mid-sized businesses. He has 15 years of journalism experience and has written over 2,000 articles. He covers science and technology, commercial real estate, emergency medicine, and health and lifestyle trends for consumer and trade publications.

Jennifer Papale Rignani, A’94, has been hired as vice president of development and communications for the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh. She has 16 years of experience in communications and non-profit development, has written two books and wrote the “Hip Momma” column in Pittsburgh Magazine.

John F. Letchford, JD’95, partner in the Haddonfield, N.J., law firm of Archer & Greiner, P.C., has been
named a “Top Attorney” in southern New Jersey. He was recognized in the area of trademark and copyright law. He has significant experience in trademark, copyright, acquisition, evaluation, transfer and enforcement of intellectual property rights in patent, computer, internet and e-commerce matters.

David Glad, B’96, has been promoted to manager in the state and local tax (SALT) department of the Philadelphia office of Grant Thornton LLP. He represents clients in complex tax matters before state and local tax authorities, and concentrates on income and franchise tax, but handles many types of tax and business matters, including property tax and unclaimed property. He has experience in a number of industries, including oil and gas, banking, construction and retail, and earned his Juris Doctor from Cornell University Law School in 2005.

Maria Petrilak, M’96, is now residing in St. Paul with her husband, Brian Elliott, and daughter, and has been nominated for a Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for the second year in a row for the show HealthSmart. She is the producer, writer and host.

Cheryl Grieco, N’97, has joined UPMC Passavant as unit director of the 3 Main Nursing Unit, which concentrates on congestive heart failure and stroke patients. She also received a master’s of science in health services administration from the University of St. Francis in Illinois.

Brent Robbins, GA’97, Ph.D.’03, is now assistant professor of psychology in the Department of Humanities and Human Science at Point Park University.

Brian Paliotti, B’98, has been appointed chief financial officer of Afton Chemical Company, where he is responsible for driving the global operating financial results for the organization. He, his wife and two children have relocated to Richmond.

Eric Ash, A’99, has been promoted to director of public relations of Mullen, where he will be responsible for overseeing the public relations department in addition to building integrated campaigns across all disciplines of the agency.

2000s

Charlie Cortinovis, S’00, GS’00, was ordained a deacon at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome for the Archdiocese of Washington.

A plan to transform Vickroy Street into a pedestrian mall to tie campus together was originally envisioned in the early 1960s. The plan referred to this area as Academic Walk. In 1968, traffic was banned from Vickroy Street. Work to create a park-like setting was completed in 1991. Laval House stood as, and still remains, the only original residential building of the old neighborhood amid a stonework paving, a Clock Plaza, Victorian lampposts and a fountain in front of Canevin Hall.
Jeremy Hartzell, MBA’00, JD’00, was recently promoted to the position of tax senior manager with Deloitte Tax LLP.

Thomas E. Oberst, S’01, A’01, instructor of physics, is now a full-time faculty member at Westminster College. He is pursuing a Ph.D. at Cornell University.

Antonio Comas, JD’02, has been named a Rising Star in workers’ compensation in Pennsylvania for 2008 by the publishers of Super Lawyers and Law & Politics magazines.

Anna (Kolesar) Eaton, S’02, has earned her Ph.D. from the Department of Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics at the University of Maryland, College Park. Her dissertation title was Binding Interactions in the Bacterial Chemotaxis Signal Transduction Pathway.

Gennaro (Jerry) Marsico, JD’02, recently obtained the certified investment management analyst designation through The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is also a certified financial planner professional and works as a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch in Beaver, Pa.

Kristianne Kalata Vaccaro, GA’02, visiting lecturer of English, is now a full-time faculty member at Westminster College. She is a doctoral candidate at Duquesne University.

Tiffany Cramer-Ray, A’03, MSLBE’07, is special events manager for the National Kidney Foundation of the Alleghenies.

Frank Dix, B’03, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Gay Men’s Health Crisis, one of the world’s first non-profit HIV/AIDS services organizations. He works as the business process manager within the regulatory function of the New York Stock Exchange.

Jeanette Garcia, A’03, and Jacob Polasky, M’03, who married in June, are currently living in Baltimore. Jeanette graduated from Johns Hopkins University with an M.A. in writing (poetry and fiction) and serves as the chief of correspondence in the Office of the Mayor. Jacob, who graduated from Johns Hopkins Peabody Conservatory with an M.M. (composition), is a Baltimore city park ranger. He has begun doctoral study in music composition at the University of Maryland, where he has been granted an assistanceship.

Kelton M. Burgess, JD’04, has accepted an associate position in the construction litigation practice group of Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith in their San Francisco office. Jaime Vercoe, MPT’04, and Jason Dundr, MPT’04, were married in September and are relocating to the Cleveland area.

Amy (DiFiore) Juravich, A’05, is a radio announcer and producer for WOSU Public Media in Columbus. She and her husband, Jonathan Juravich, are residing in Clintonville, Ohio.

Timothy Rentler, GA’05, is now director of course media development in the curriculum development department of Education Management Corporation (EDMC) – Online Higher Education. He will act “as a manager within the curriculum development team to direct the design and production of instructional media elements used to enhance online student learning in individual courses, throughout programs of study and within shared learning environments.”

Justin M. Lovich, JD’06, has joined the workers’ compensation group of Burns, White & Hickton, LLC, as an associate. He provides pro bono services to Christian Legal Aid of Pittsburgh.

Nicole (Sray) Bilodeau, GE’07, is a fourth grade teacher and recently married Sam Bilodeau in the Duquesne Chapel.

Marriages

Raymond M. Roberts, A’86, JD’93, married Kimberly Slavonic.

John R. Williams, B’86, married Wendy Wogan.

Pete Lawrence, A’98, married Svetlana Vasileva.

Phil Adamo, A’99, MBA’01, married Tamara Webb.

Lucy Nalpathanchil, A’01, married Jason Neely, GE’01.

Jeanette Garcia, A’03, married Jacob Polasky, M’03.

Kristin Lugarich, E’03, married Kevin Wasko, B’03.

Donor Honor Roll Now Published Online

The annual Duquesne Society honor roll, recognizing donors of $1,000 or more during the past fiscal year, is no longer published in Duquesne University Magazine. The complete roster of Duquesne Society members for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 will be posted online. Visit www.giving.duq.edu/rec-honor.html to view the complete listings.
Alumni Updates

Jaime Vercoe, MPT’04, married Jason Dundr, MPT’04.
Nicole S. Sray, GE’07, married Sam Bilodeau.
Katelyn Ann Werner, E’07, married Raymond Frederick Gensler IV.

New Arrivals

Aaron Isaiah, son of Keith Richardson, B’88, and DeAndra Dawson Richardson.
Beckett Finster, son of Benjamin Forbes, GE’95, and Nichol Forbes.
Isabel Margaret, daughter of Jennifer (Fox) Prazenica, P’95, and Jason Prazenica.
Jacob Alan, son of Maria (McCurry) Lusk, B’96, and Keith Lusk, MBA’06.
Maia Isabella, daughter of Regina Petruzi Neumann, A’96, JD’00, and Terry Neumann.
Grace Marie, daughter of Maria Petrilak, M’96, and Brian Elliott.
Andrew Craig, son of Craig R. Riner, A’97, and Lee Ann Riner.
Augustus Newell, son of Nicole (Logan) Ferris, P’98, and Benjamin Ferris.
Ruth Eileen, daughter of Colleen Hartzell, E’98, and Jeremy Hartzell, MBA’00, JD’00.
Hagan Arthur, son of Kevin Mullooly, A’98, and Anne (Pfaffenbach) Mullooly.
Allison Marie, daughter of Danielle (Divers) Puhatch, GHS’00, and John Puhatch, B’98.
Mitch Barrett, son of Randy Schauer, A’00, and Katie Schauer.
Natasha Dorrian and Lucy Rosalind, twin daughters of Julie (Diehl) Brooke, M’01, GE’03, and Robert Brooke.
Anthony Henry, son of Sarah (Huber) Cardosi, E’01, and Andy Cardosi.
Madeline Therese, daughter of Kimberly (Holub) Cook, MPT’01, and Michael Cook.
Jack Daniel, son of Michelle (Ingellis) Reilly, GHS’01, and Owen Reilly.
Michael Barcroft, son of Frances (Lehner) Rorer, M’01, GM’03, and Jonathan Rorer.
Brayden Robert, son of Lauren (Dambakly) Sidney, Pharm.D.’01, and Jarrett Sidney, A’99.
Matthew August, son of Tina Mikula Gatto, B’02, and August Gatto.
Julia Claire, daughter of Sarah (Klann) Miller, GHS’02, and Phillip Miller.
Madelyn Marie, daughter of Capt. Daniel J. Robinson, A’02, and Emily Robinson.
Brian Christopher, son of Lauren (Pinto) Rudat, M’02, and Keith Rudat.
Alyssa Riley, daughter of Jill (Fraundorfer) Sodini, HMS’02, and Anthony Sodini, P’98.

In Memoriam

Eugene R. Sajko, B’38
Robert Hartle, S’47
John Popivchak, B’50
Catherine Baker Knoll, E’52, GE’72
Ernest (Ernie) Matteo, M’52
John “Sonny” Zeolla, Jr., B’52
William L. Klein, E’56, GE’59
Walter William (Bill) Hoffman, A’60
Marlene S. Fleischer, A’67
John Gallagher, HS’92

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These are only some of the words that our alumni have used to describe their reasons for attending Duquesne University and the motivation behind their decisions to provide financial support to the University. Here are some of their stories.

Dorothy Conway, E’63, GE’66

Having spent 35 years in teaching, Dorothy reflects fondly on her time in the School of Education at Duquesne University: “Duquesne was a wonderful experience for me. The education that I received was outstanding and the professors were terrific. When I did my student teaching, it was just so easy because Duquesne had prepared me well for the actual classroom experience.”

Dorothy was motivated to make Duquesne the beneficiary of her retirement accounts so that other young, dedicated, aspiring teachers can be rewarded. Proceeds from these accounts will be used to create an endowed scholarship in the School of Education: “We continue to need good teachers, and Duquesne University has a knack for producing excellent, caring educators. That’s why I want my scholarship awarded to a junior or senior—someone who is committed to teaching.”

Jack Geltz, B’49, GA’84

Jack is a well-known figure at events hosted by the Mary Pappert School of Music, especially those featuring pianist David Allen Wehr. Often, he can be seen with his attorney and good friend, Bill Harper, A’66, L’75, who was instrumental in assisting Jack with the creation of a charitable gift annuity in 2004. It was his love of the piano and his desire to support the school that prompted him to use appreciated stock to establish this latest annuity. Jack was able to diversify his investment portfolio, secure a guaranteed stream of income that far outweighed the dividend he had been receiving.
from that stock, and make a significant impact on the Mary Pappert School of Music and the career of one of its most esteemed faculty members.

In addition to his 2004 annuity, Jack has an annuity that dates from 1992, as well as a bequest in his will to benefit students attending Duquesne University from St. Martin de Porres Parish in McKeesport, Pa. In describing his philanthropic enthusiasm, Jack says, “I received help from my parents and the GI Bill. It is my desire to assist others with this gift, just as I have benefitted. Duquesne University can count on me, for I am definitely an advocate of higher education.”

Lambert Minucci, GA’70
Lambert joined the Duquesne University community as a non-traditional student. He was married to Carol, who passed away in 2004, and working full-time at PPG Industries when he began his educational journey to obtain a master’s in mathematics.

“Duquesne was convenient, offered evening classes, and I was very impressed with both the math program and Dr. Charles Sebesta, head of the department. Classes were small and intimate, and the faculty was serious about teaching. Duquesne University gave me a chance to be me. I made good use of what Duquesne gave me and for that, the University has my gratitude.”

Lambert chose to express his thanks for his Duquesne education through a series of charitable gift annuities—three over the past few years. Additionally, Duquesne is an heir of his estate, as he included a bequest to the University in his will.

Marion Schorr, B’51, and Robert J. Schorr, GA’93
The Schorr family gives the phrase “Duquesne University legacy” a new meaning. Both Robert and Marion are graduates of the University, as are their five children! When you consider that their children each have two degrees from the University, the legacy picture is painted even more clearly. Although the family primarily obtained their degrees from the A. J. Palumbo School of Business and the John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business, they can count a law degree and a graduate arts degree among them as well. In addition, Marion’s father, two of her siblings, and several cousins are Duquesne graduates.

In discussing why she chose Duquesne, Marion says, “In 1947, Duquesne already had a superb academic reputation, especially in the areas of music, pharmacy, law and business. I was seeking a strong academic program at a good Catholic school. Another reason that I selected Duquesne is that I wanted to form lasting friendships with my classmates; friends who I would continue to see and connect with on a regular basis living here in Pittsburgh. It worked, for even today my children have associations with and business dealings with the children and grandchildren of my classmates.”

Bob and Marion established a charitable gift annuity with the University in 1997, which will support the University’s areas of greatest need upon their deaths. Their strong family ties to Duquesne University will thus live on with this lasting contribution.

In expressing gratitude for their experiences and demonstrating their commitment to ensure the academic excellence of the University’s programs, each of these dedicated alumni has made a commitment to provide a Duquesne education to future generations. If you wish to discuss a bequest or beneficiary designation that includes Duquesne University, or a charitable gift annuity, please contact Carrie Matsevac Collins at 412.396.4272 or collinscm@duq.edu.
Duquesne University named Ken Gormley interim dean of the School of Law. Gormley has served as a professor of law on Duquesne’s faculty since 1994 and is also associate vice president for interdisciplinary scholarship and special projects for the University. He recently made local legal history by becoming the first academic to serve as president of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

His expert opinion has been sought in the U.S. Congress and the Pennsylvania Senate, where he has testified on wiretapping, obscenity law, presidential pardons and the independent counsel law. A prolific, award-winning writer, Gormley’s current book project on the Clinton-Starr investigation is scheduled to be published by Crown Publishers (a division of Random House) this year. His book, Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation, won the 1999 Bruce K. Gould Book Award for best publication relating to the law.

Before coming to Duquesne, Gormley taught at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and was director and founder of the Mellon Writing Program in legal research and writing. He earned his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh summa cum laude and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

A panel of leaders from the legal community will serve as an advisory team for Ken Gormley, interim dean of the Duquesne University School of Law.

“I invited these well-respected individuals to assist the School of Law during this time of transition,” says Gormley. “They are committed to working together to directly engage with faculty, students and alumni of the law school to ensure that the goals of the school are achieved.”

Members are:

Duquesne University Chancellor and Law Professor
John E. Murray, Co-Chair: First lay president of the University, 1988-2001; former dean of the law schools at the University of Pittsburgh and Villanova; chair of the ComPac 21 committee, which led to changing the structure of Allegheny County’s government.

The Honorable Cynthia A. Baldwin, Co-Chair: Retired justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; partner of Duane Morris, LLP; 1980 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law.

The Honorable Donetta W. Ambrose: Chief judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania; 1970 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law.

The Honorable Max Baer: Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; 1975 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law.

The Honorable Ralph J. Cappy: Retired chief justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; shareholder of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C.

The Honorable Robert J. Cindrich: Chief legal counsel for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; former judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The Honorable Joy Flowers Conti: Judge of the United States District Court for Western Pennsylvania; 1973 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law.

The Honorable Kate Ford Elliott: President judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania; 1978 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law.

The Honorable Maureen Lally-Green: Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania; 1974 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law.

The Honorable Timothy K. Lewis: Counsel to Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP; former judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; 1980 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law.

The Honorable D. Brooks Smith: Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; former chief judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.


Senator Jane Clare Orie: Pennsylvania state senator; formerly a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Allegheny County deputy district attorney; 1987 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law.


Kenneth J. Horoho, Jr., Esq.: Partner, Goldberg, Gruener, Gentile, Horoho & Avalli; past president of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association; 1980 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law.

John R. McGinley, Jr., Esq.: Member, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC; 1968 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law.
Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009
Dukes vs. LaSalle Pre-game Reception and Tickets (in Philadelphia)
For tickets and details, see www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu.

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009
Student–Alumni Career Networking Mardi Gras Reception
Let Duquesne students benefit from your professional experiences. This is not a job fair, but an information-sharing opportunity.
For details, see www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu.

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009
Dukes vs. Massachusetts Pre-game Reception and Tickets (in Amherst, Mass.)
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Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009
Women Dukes vs. LaSalle (in Philadelphia) Alumni Ticket Block
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Friday-Monday, March 6-9, 2009
Women’s A-10 Basketball Tournament Pre-game Receptions and Tickets (in Charlotte, N.C.)
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Saturday, March 7, 2009
Dukes vs. Dayton (in Dayton) Alumni Ticket Block
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Wednesday-Saturday, March 11-14, 2009
Men’s A-10 Basketball Tournament Pre-game Receptions and Tickets (in Atlantic City)
For details, see www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu.

Saturday, March 14, 2009
Law School Participation in Annual Pittsburgh St. Patrick’s Day Parade
For details, contact Jeanine L. DeBor, JD, A’89, director, Law Alumni Relations, at 412.396.5215 or deborj@duq.edu.

Wednesday, March 25, 2009
Duquesne University Downtown Luncheon
Keynote Speaker: The Most Reverend David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh (A’71, GE ’82)
Registration opens at 11 a.m.
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
For tickets or an exhibitor table, please call Duquesne Alumni Relations at 412.396.6209.

April 2009
Duquesne University Alumni Month of Community Service
Join alumni, students, staff and administration as we make our world a better place, one local community at a time. For details and directions to submit your photos and stories, go to www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu.

Wednesday, April 8, 2009
Duquesne Night at the Cleveland Cavaliers Game (Cleveland, Ohio)
For details, see www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu.

Friday, April 24, 2009
Law School Annual Reunion Dinner
6 p.m.
The Priory
For details, contact Jeanine L. DeBor, JD, A’89, director, Law Alumni Relations, at 412.396.5215 or deborj@duq.edu.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28 and 29, 2009
The Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center Spring Symposium Phenomenology and the Theological Turn
Featuring Jean-Luc Marion, Richard Kearney, Edith Wyschogrod and Jay Lampert.
For more details call the Phenomenology Center at 412.396.6038 or e-mail at phenomenology@duq.edu.

Saturday, May 16, 2009
Greek Alumni Gala
Join alumni/ae of Duquesne’s fraternities and sororities for a great evening. For details, see www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu or call Greek Life at 412.396.6651.

Unless otherwise noted, please direct questions to Alumni Relations at 1.800.456.8338.

Alumni events are currently being planned in Baltimore, Atlanta and Chicago. For specific dates and details, go to www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu.

If you’d like to receive e-mail notifications about these and other alumni events, please register at www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu using the number starting with “D” on the label of your Duquesne University Magazine.