Duquesne Opens New Pharmacy in the Hill District

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Nearly four years ago, I wrote in this magazine about my trip to visit Spiritan missions in Haiti. My travels took me from the scenic but primitive countryside to the dusty slums of Port-au-Prince. No matter where I went, I was struck by the contrasts. In a land overshadowed by political instability and excruciating poverty, the people remained proud of their history, filled with faith and determined to build a better life for themselves and their children.

That fortitude was literally shaken to its core by the devastating earthquake of Jan. 12. Our television and computer screens brought us images of despair far beyond the scope of anything I experienced on my visit. Recently, I welcomed the Rev. Paulin Innocent, C.S.Sp., provincial superior of the Spiritans in Haiti, to campus. He confirmed that the damage and suffering were as traumatic as they appeared from a distance—in many cases, even worse. Still, the people remain resolved to emerge from this crisis stronger and better than they were before the earth trembled.

Father Paulin’s job was already difficult; it became nearly impossible with Spiritan schools, chapels, and residences crushed to rubble. Yet the Congregation and the nation will rebuild, led by the Holy Spirit and assisted by friends around the world—including the Duquesne family. I was privileged to present Father Paulin with $33,000 contributed by alumni, faculty, staff, and students. He was deeply touched by this outpouring of support, and I join him in thanking all the members of our community who reached out to help in this time of overwhelming need. In this issue, we profile several alumni who have been personally involved in the relief efforts.

While sensitive to needs around the world, we also recognize and respond to conditions across the street. Just beyond our campus, for example, the residents of Pittsburgh’s Hill District lack a resource most of us take for granted—a community pharmacy. This fall, we will fill that void by opening a facility that will not only dispense prescriptions, but will offer health education and medication management services to a historically underserved community. Our Mylan School of Pharmacy is the first school in the nation to take on such an ambitious initiative; this facility will be the first community-based, university-operated pharmacy in America.

Ironically, our new pharmacy is located just a stone’s throw from Duquesne’s birthplace on Wylie Avenue. Much has changed in 132 years, but we remain called by the Spirit to identify needs, develop creative solutions, and work together to create positive change. These pages document many such noble efforts. From Haiti to the Hill, Duquesne is making a difference.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Dougherty, Ph.D.
Duquesne University President
“The Catholic Church’s Best Kept Secret”: Its Social Justice Teaching

The Reverend David L. Smith, C.S.Sp., professor emeritus and former director of the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center at Duquesne, recently shared information about the Spiritan dedication to social justice in his article, *The Catholic Church’s Best Kept Secret: A Concise Survey of Papal Social Justice Teaching*. Here, he gives basic information about social justice, the Spiritans’ longtime dedication to it and how the Duquesne community promotes social justice.

Q: What exactly is “social justice” as defined through the lens of the Catholic Church?

A: I would say that there are four bare-bone principles. The concept of the *common good* is the most basic. It rests upon the reality that human beings are never islands unto themselves—we are all by nature social beings and share a common humanity and responsibility for one another. From our common humanity flows the principle of *solidarity*. Solidarity anchors the conditions necessary for all citizens to enjoy the means to support a decent human lifestyle. The question of how these basic rights are to be respected and fulfilled in any society brings us to our third principle, *subsidiarity*—the notion that no one can pull themselves up by their own boot straps if they don’t have a pair of boots. A fourth principle, *preferential option for the poor*, was already implicit in Pope Leo’s teaching when he wrote that it is the obligation of the government to protect and promote the “welfare and comfort of the working people.” This preferential option demands that the poor and powerless always be taken into account when decisions are made that will affect their lives.

Q: What are the basic principles of Catholic Social Justice?

A: The founder of the Spiritans, Claude Poullart des Places, was a wealthy young man who realized that his material wealth was not something to be clung to for himself alone, but to be used generously for the good of others. He devoted his life and his fortune to educating poor young men for the priesthood who in turn would lift up the poor by their own service of educating them. It was this same type of empathy for the underdog that motivated Francis Libermann, Poullart’s successor almost 145 years after his death, to devote his own life and ministry to social justice. Long before Rome jumped on board the train, he supported the new democratic political movements in France (1848) against the monarchical systems that had oppressed the poor, and he became a stout defender of religious freedom and diversity.

Q: What are some general examples of social justice issues at play in the world today?

A: The daily news media inundate us with numerous examples. At the root of many of them is the extremely inequitable distribution...
of wealth. The top 10 percent of the population owns two-thirds of the national wealth while middle class incomes have been stagnant for decades. While at least 35 million individuals in the U.S. go without health insurance, the health insurance industry reaps windfall profits. In his recent encyclical, Charity in Truth, Benedict XVI reminded us that all economic decisions are moral ones, issues of social justice, since they impact the lives of human beings.

Q: What are some examples of specifically Spiritan work in the area of social justice?

A: In more than 60 countries almost 3,000 Spiritans are working to promote social justice. The Spiritans partially funded and co-founded the Center for Haiti to advocate for the people of that country and they were a founding member of the African Center for Peace and Justice. Today a Spiritan serves as dean of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego and another works for Catholic Relief Services. In Africa they are involved in advocacy for refugees, education for young Masai women and air medical service for the poor. Nearly every Spiritan parish in the United States is in service to some minority group, and in numerous countries from Australia to Zimbabwe, they dedicate their ministry to the service of the poor and oppressed.

Q: Why do social justice concerns touch the very heart of Duquesne University and how does the total Duquesne community promote social justice?

A: As a Catholic University in the Spiritan tradition, a passion for social justice expresses the very soul of the University’s mission and identity and ratifies its motto, “It is the Spirit who gives life.” Several Popes have reminded us that if we want peace we must work for justice. In the Spiritan tradition, the University, with all due regard to its academic nature, harnesses its resources to liberate people from all that oppress them. It has advanced these goals in recent years with the inauguration of numerous new initiatives: a revitalized office of Mission and Identity, the Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought and The Center for Health Care Ethics; a chair in the School of Nursing for underserved populations; and sustainability programs in the Palumbo Donahue School of Business. At the same time, thousands of students, faculty, staff and administrators continue programs of service to the poor, often through the offices of Campus Ministry and the division of Student Life.

To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit www.spiritans.org.
Snapshots

1. Meghan Moran, A’00, L’03, and Fred Allison enjoyed good company, food and music at the Alumni Association’s 2010 Valentine’s Day Dinner Dance.

2. Bill Bell, P’92, and Maureen Bell joined Matt Diehl, a fourth-year pharmacy student, at the 50th anniversary of Phi Delta Chi. The Bells host an annual Freshman Send-Off event in Philadelphia. Matt attended the very first Send-Off event hosted by the Bells and met his current roommates there.

3. & 4. More than 100 alumni, friends and children joined the Young Alumni Council for Duquesne’s very first Easter Egg Hunt. Shown are Paul Ewin, LPA’06, and his son, Nicholas.

5. & 6. Len Komoroski, A’82, the 2010 Duquesne University Downtown Luncheon keynote speaker, shared his career path with Dr. Maryellen Kelly’s product management class prior to the luncheon and with the Sports Marketing Association after the big event. He met with Duquesne President Charles Dougherty, and shared with a crowd of 800 alumni and friends the many Pittsburgh influences that have helped him to advance to his current position as the president of the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Quicken Loans Arena Company.

7. The “Stepping into Spring” Fashion Show and Luncheon was held on April 11 in the Union Ballroom. Hosted by the Duquesne University Women’s Guild, the fashion show featured models Marla Bradford, of Duquesne’s Office of Human Resource Management; Eileen Zungolo, dean of Duquesne’s School of Nursing; Melanie Eberhardt, of Duquesne’s President’s Office, and her son Marques; Olga Welch, dean of Duquesne’s School of Education; Brittnea Turner, of Duquesne’s Vice President for Management and Business’ Office; and Barcinna Bole, of Duquesne’s Office of Admissions. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Spiritan Campus Ministry mission trip and the Women’s Guild Endowed Scholarship fund.
Gary Rentschler knows how isolating growing up can be for children who stutter. He recognizes that sociable, outgoing individuals can be paralyzed by fear of words or situations that bottle up their mouths and stop words from coming out with ease. He understands that people whose speech is muddied by awkward breaks or repetitions feel like second-class citizens in a world that demands clear communication.

A speech-language pathologist with more than 30 years of clinical experience, Rentschler is the founding director of Duquesne’s Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and a board-recognized specialist in fluency disorders. He also has more than five decades of firsthand experience as one of the estimated 3 million Americans who stutter.

“My life, from grammar school through college, was a continuing series of trying to avoid speaking situations, yet wanting so desperately to fit in to a world where I could not participate for over 20 years,” Rentschler says.

While stuttering (also known as stammering or disfluency) has been a documented speech disorder for centuries, researchers are still unable to conclusively determine the cause of this complex problem that affects nearly 1 percent of any population.

“Stuttering is a problem that cuts across all races, cultures and socio-economic classes. We know that about half of all people who stutter have someone in their family who stutters. We’ve also learned that stuttering affects more boys than girls and that
about 80 percent of all children with fluency problems eventually recover—with or without therapy—usually within four years of onset,” explains Rentschler.

Rentschler, however, did not fit these demographics. The elder child of loving parents with no family history of stuttering, the Buffalo, N.Y., native began stuttering in childhood and continued well into adulthood.

His first memory of stuttered speech followed a distressing incident of being scolded by an adult when his parents weren’t present.

“I was about 3 or 4 and sitting alone in my family’s parked car outside of our apartment. The car was rear-ended by our landlord, who got out of his car and proceeded to yell at me. After that, I remember my speech was not as fluent,” he says.

When he approached school-age, his parents sought advice about his stuttering from the nearby University of Buffalo speech clinic. They were given the prevailing advice of the 1950s—just ignore it and the problem would eventually go away.

“My parents did a wonderful job of downplaying the problem but the rest of the world was not as tolerant. I knew I was talking differently than everyone else but didn’t know it was a bad thing. When relatives, teachers or others asked ‘what’s wrong with his speech’ they were hushed. The problem with this theory of how to handle stuttering is that you begin to think that something is so wrong with you that your mom and dad can’t even talk about it,” says Rentschler.

Despite another speech therapy evaluation in 8th grade, no treatment was recommended for Rentschler. He continued to stutter throughout high school, and began avoiding reading or answering aloud in class with well-timed requests to “be excused.”

At Baldwin-Wallace College, he repeated his high school avoidance behaviors to limit communication, both in and out of the classroom. It was a lonely time, he admits.

“I was a good student but didn’t talk much. I’ve learned now as a college professor that it is a real handicap not to be able to connect with students. Sometimes, instructors feel that they don’t have to intervene with students who are not communicating but in my case that would have been very helpful,” he continues.

After graduating with a business administration degree, Rentschler went on his first interview and had to introduce himself. At that point, the interview was over before it began.

“I reached a point where it was clear that I couldn’t avoid confronting my stuttering,” Rentschler recalls. “I was ‘stuck,’ having a college degree but being unable to interview for a job. It was decision time; either get some help, or trickle life away, potential unfulfilled.”

At his mother’s urging, he went back to the same clinic that evaluated him 17 years earlier. He can still recall driving to his first appointment and stopping at an intersection, pondering his decision.

“I had to turn right to go to the clinic or go straight to head away. The light turned green and the steering wheel turned right. It wasn’t even a conscious thought but it...”

“When I found out there was actually something I could do about my speech...it was very empowering.”
According to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, stuttering is a speech disorder characterized by repetitions of words or parts of words (st-st-stuttering), as well as prolongations of speech sounds (sssstuttering). These “disfluencies” are sometimes accompanied by unusual facial or body movements, such as eye blinks and lip tremors, or by tension that can block speech completely. Stuttering disrupts the normal flow of speech, interfering with the ability to communicate and often affecting the quality of life for those who stutter.

While signs and symptoms of stuttering are easy to identify, the exact cause of the disorder remains elusive.

“There is still so much misperception about stuttering among the general public. As we acquire more knowledge about stuttering and get more effective treatments, things are getting better, but it’s like a big ship—it’s hard to turn around,” says Dr. Gary J. Rentschler, director of Duquesne’s Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic.

Today, speech-language pathologists agree that there are three primary types of stuttering. The most common occurs in children, ages 2 to 5, as they are developing their language skills. Known as developmental stuttering, it affects about four times as many boys as girls and is thought to run in families. Developmental stuttering can last from a few weeks to several years. Adult-onset neurogenic stuttering can occur in individuals who have suffered a stroke, brain injury or drug overdose. Psychogenic stuttering, caused by emotional trauma or problems with thought or reasoning, is rare. Stuttering is not caused by nervousness or bad parenting.

Current research with brain imaging technology has revealed that many people who stutter use their brain in a different way than people who speak fluently. For most people, the left hemisphere dominates speech activity; the right hemisphere controls emotions. In people who stutter, neither hemisphere is dominant during speech, a possible clue.

“This is not a physical abnormality, but a functional difference,” explains Rentschler.

Stuttering also has been related to situational and psychodynamic factors that are unique to each individual.

“Just as people who fear snakes feel anxious at even the possibility of seeing a snake, someone with disfluent speech tends to focus on the fear of certain words, sounds or situations that have resulted in them stuttering in the past,” he says.

Stuttering isn’t a disease to be cured, but a disorder to be managed, with no single therapy technique effective for every client, continues Rentschler.

“Speech pathologists must take into account an individual’s age, personal situation, communication goals and other factors. In young children, for example, we often use an indirect approach, working with parents to slow the environment and model good speech. Disfluent adults can take more responsibility for learning strategies to manage their stuttering. Once it is no longer a problem for them, it won’t be a problem for others,” says Rentschler.
At age 32, Dan Heffley had a blood vessel burst in his brain. To stem the massive bleeding and swelling, neurosurgeons removed more than half of his brain’s left hemisphere, the seat of language and logic. Although the radical surgery saved his life, Heffley lost the ability to walk, speak, understand language and recognize loved ones.

That life-changing event happened in 2003. Over the past six years, the former Army Ranger from Ben Avon, Pa., has made remarkable progress battling back from his stroke, the result of intense physical, occupational and speech-language therapy that began within months of his surgery—and continues today. Although his right arm and leg remain weak, he can now walk. And ongoing speech and language therapy from Duquesne’s Speech-Language-Hearing (SLH) Clinic has helped him develop new language centers in the right side of his brain, enabling him to communicate once again.

Heffley is just one of the estimated 100 clients who turn to the University SLH Clinic each year for outpatient assessment and treatment of their communication disorders. Established in 1998 as part of the University’s Department of Speech-Language Pathology, the clinic serves a dual purpose, says founding director Dr. Gary Rentschler: treating patients and educating students.

It provides fourth-year students a hands-on laboratory where they can integrate classroom theory with practice and also offers direct, affordable care to people of all ages from the Pittsburgh area. Under direct supervision of licensed, nationally certified faculty, graduate students treat individuals with the following communications disorders:

- Stuttering
- Communication difficulties after stroke and other neurological damage
- Voice disorders or vocal strain for those in teaching and singing professions
- Difficulty with listening, understanding, remembering and responding to verbal information (auditory processing)
- Difficulty with phonics and sound awareness
- Problems pronouncing certain sounds or being understood
- Difficulty developing language skills in childhood

“The clinic is a happy environment in which grad students can grow in their profession and knowledge. This creates a rich environment that complements Dan working towards conquering the language handicaps that are before him,” says Jim Heffley, Dan’s father.
during a therapy session when his mind began to drift from the assignment at hand to worrying about how he was going to pay that month’s rent.

“I remembered wondering if I was losing my motivation but then it occurred to me that this was normal. Stuttering no longer overshadowed everything in my life. I could now see that there were bigger problems in life to be concerned with,” he says.

Wanting to learn more about the profession that had changed his life, Rentschler returned to grad school, earning both a master’s degree and Ph.D. in speech pathology from State University of New York at Buffalo. In addition to working with clients with a broad range of communication disorders, he developed a special interest in and expertise with individuals who stutter. Combining his personal and professional experience enabled him to share a unique perspective with his clients.

“Many people who stutter feel isolated because they can’t communicate as well as they would like. The goal is to give them avenues to improve their communication so they can feel part of the life they want to lead. One of the lessons that I learned is that everyone who stutters is not like me. There may be common threads but there is no one-size-fits-all approach to therapy,” he says.

At Duquesne, Rentschler teaches graduate courses in stuttering, professional ethics and legal issues for speech pathologists. As the clinic director, he leads and mentors graduate students who conduct speech, language and voice therapy in the University clinic for clients ranging in age from 2 to 90.

“Gary’s initiative, creativity, compassion, and breadth of knowledge has served our program, our clients who have come to the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic for services, and our students exceptionally well,” says Mikael Kimelman, chair of the Speech-Language Pathology Department.

“We can count on him to be on the teaching technology forefront, creating videos he posts on YouTube, developing podcasts and using a variety of media to engage students and make learning enjoyable and memorable.”

Students agree that the clinic director maintains a perfect balance of professionalism and affability.

“Dr. Rentschler’s classes always contain some type of entertaining activity. His teaching style combines humor with a wealth of information, which makes dry material come to life. Whether it is a heated discussion regarding the ethical issues of case studies or playing ‘Test-Review Jeopardy,’ his classes are always enjoyable,” states David Ford, a fourth-year student from Sewickley, Pa.

Student clinician Rachel Gasior describes Rentschler as a role model and mentor, helping her seamlessly integrate classroom knowledge into her clinic practicum.

“He supervises a large caseload of clients and students, but it amazes me how willing he is to lend each and every one of us a helping hand,” says Gasior. “Dr. Rentschler not only teaches us how to become good clinicians, he helps guide us to be the best clinician that we can be while enjoying it along the way.”

Rentschler has written articles and presented papers on stuttering nationally and internationally, and gives continuing education courses across the country on stuttering. He’s also involved with stuttering support groups, like the National Stuttering Association, and was recognized as Speech Pathologist of the Year by the organization.

His proudest accomplishment, however, is overcoming his own stuttered speech.

“I still have difficulties at times—my students will tell you that—but they don’t bother me at all anymore. I’ve come to understand that what I want to say is way more important than how it comes out,” he says.
New Mass Spectrometry Center of Excellence

New Center Will Study Diseases, Environmental Issues

A Center of Excellence (COE) for mass spectrometry at Duquesne, established earlier this year by the University and Agilent Technologies, Inc., will focus on a wide range of exciting research in the life sciences and environmental analysis.

“Researchers at Duquesne University are doing fascinating work aimed at solving important problems, and we’re very pleased to be part of the team,” says Gustavo Salem, Agilent vice president and general manager, biological systems division. Agilent is a leading supplier of mass spectrometers.

Research at the COE will include:

- metabolomics and trace lipid analysis, the effects of chronic exposure to heavy metals
- how residues of some veterinary drugs affect the food chain
- analysis of toxins in food
- identifying biomarkers for autism
- factors affecting the immune system
- researching inherited “knock-out diseases” like Fabry’s disease
- an area of study called “environmental proteomics” (the protein profiles of organisms as they’re exposed to different environmental compounds)

The University received National Science Foundation grants totaling nearly $1 million to acquire the following Agilent instrumentation and software:

- 1200 Series Rapid Resolution liquid chromatograph (LC)
- 1200 Series HPLC-Chip/MS systems
- 6500 Series Accurate Mass Quadrupole Time of Flight LC/MS
- 6400 Series triple quadrupole LC/MS
- 6200 Series Accurate Mass Time of Flight MS

The Duquesne scientists also use Agilent Spectrum Mill for MassHunter Workstation software for rapid identification of large numbers of proteins and peptides.

“These powerful tools have become a mainstay for research and teaching in the school,” says Dr. David W. Seybert, dean of Duquesne’s Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences. “We are educating the next generation of scientists and it is imperative that their research training incorporates the most current generation of instrumentation available.”

The center will serve as Agilent’s regional showcase for the latest technologies in mass spectrometry, where researchers can see Agilent equipment in use investigating real problems. The center will provide a forum for the development of new applications and the testing of new ideas in search of important advances in life sciences, biomedicine, bioengineering, materials sciences and other fields.

Next to instrument performance, flexibility is very important to the COE due to the wide variety of experiments it runs, according to Dr. Mitch Johnson, associate professor in
Duquesne’s Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

“We also carefully evaluated service packages and what it costs to maintain the equipment,” says Johnson. “We were impressed with Agilent’s approach.”

Describing the impact of the new equipment, Johnson continues, “The difference between what we can do now and what we could do before is incredible. It’s moved us into an entirely new echelon of research that is now possible at Duquesne.”

In addition to its own research, the Duquesne COE also works closely with other community organizations. For example, the lab supports research investigations of a number of genetic-based disorders by the Allegheny General Hospital Allegheny-Singer Research Institute and autism studies at The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh.

“As metrologists, we’re working to solve important problems,” says Dr. H.M. “Skip” Kingston, a principal investigator and a professor in Duquesne’s Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. “We did a study of the epigenetics of immune system responses in autistic children screening 100 children for 70 toxins, and the TOF, Q-TOF and ICP-MS instruments were used for this. We’re now researching toxins in food and their effects on children. For example, one form of selenium is healthful for humans, but there are 40 species of selenium and some of these are toxic.”

“We evaluated all the major vendors and used similar samples to evaluate all the mass specs,” says Dr. Partha Basu, associate professor in Duquesne’s Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. “In addition to instrument performance, Agilent has been a very good fit in terms of support and collaboration. We have even co-authored posters and papers with their scientists.”

Basu is investigating the protein profiles of organisms that metabolize nitrate in the hopes of developing bioremediation methods for removing metallic contamination from the environment. He’s also studying the proteomic mechanisms of how Roxarsone, an anti-parasite drug administered to chickens, is converted to inorganic arsenic, which can then enter the food chain.

“We hope to develop organisms that can do many amazing things,” says Basu.

### Recent Grants

**The Center for Environmental Research and Education,** $35,000 continuation award from The Institute of Professional Environmental Practice

**The School of Law,** $10,000 (for a total of $50,000) from the James P. and Mary S. McArdle Charitable Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation to support the law school’s moot court program (Dean Ken Gormley is the administrator)

**Dr. Melissa Boston, School of Education,** $15,500 from the University of Pittsburgh for research collaboration with the Pittsburgh Public Schools and the University of Pittsburgh Learning Research and Development Center

**Dr. Michael Cascio, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry,** $63,764 subcontract from the University of Pittsburgh from the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, for the project *Determination of Glycine Receptor Structure Using FT-ESR*

**Dr. Robert Furman, School of Education,** $30,120 subcontract from the Pittsburgh Board of Education from the Broad Foundation (Furman also received another $28,000 subcontract from the Pittsburgh Broad Foundation) for financial support to design the principal certification program as a component of Pittsburgh’s Emerging Leadership Academy

**Dr. Jason Scibek, School of Health Sciences,** $4,000 from The Eastern Athletic Trainers’ Association for the proposal *Establishing a Reliable Method of Measuring Scapular AP Tilt*

**Dr. Carl Anderson, Mylan School of Pharmacy,** $6,805 Year 1 subcontract from the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education for *Reviewer Education in State-of-the-Art Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Technology* (anticipated funding for Year 2 will be $7,009 from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration)

**Dr. Judith Griggs, director, Learning Skills Center Program,** will administer $86,576 from the state Department of Education to continue programs
Dr. Michael Jensen-Seaman, Department of Biological Sciences, Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, $19,863 from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research for Comparative Proteomics of Hominoid Seminal Plasma

Dr. Khalid Kamal, Mylan School of Pharmacy, $44,556 from Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. for The Impact of Non-medical Switching Between Different Angiotensin Receptor Blockers on Continuity of Care and Blood Pressure Control

Dr. Linda Lengyel, School of Education, $40,000 from The Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network, a state Department of Education agency, for professional development of Marshall Middle School teachers

Dr. Wilson Meng, Mylan School of Pharmacy, $14,795, Hunkele Dreaded Disease Award, for Multi-functional Membranes for Localized Depletion of Tumor-Promoting T-Cells

Dr. John Stolz, Department of Biological Sciences, Bayer School, a $121,286 subcontract from stimulus funding for the University of Pittsburgh from the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, for Mechanisms for Arsenic Induced Vascular Disease

Dr. Diane L. Williams, Rangos School of Health Sciences, Department of Speech-Language Pathology, a $32,867 subcontract from stimulus funding for the University of Pittsburgh from the National Institutes of Health, for Biological and Information Processing Mechanisms Underlying Autism

Center for Environmental Research and Education, $40,000 from Turtle Creek Watershed Association for helping to implement the Irwin Discharge Passive Treatment Project funded by the state Department of Environmental Protection (Dr. Stan Kabala will administer the award)

Department of Biological Sciences, Associate Professor of Biology Dr. John Pollock, administrator, $285,000 from the U.S. Department of Education, for creating science and health literacy films under the University’s Partnership in Education project

School of Business Administration’s Center for Competitive Workforce Development, Megan Grabski, program manager, and Barry Maciak, program consultant, $61,100, United Way of Allegheny County, for Be a 6th Grade Mentor Program

Small Business Development Center, Dr. Mary McKinney, director, $278,249 from the state to continue programs, as well as a training budget of $110,000 and $100,000 for the Center for International Regulatory Assistance

School of Nursing, Dr. Bonnie S. Dean, administrator, $1,500 from the American Nurses Foundation for Evaluation of the Synergy Model-Simulation Appraisal Tool

School of Nursing, Dr. Carolyn Nickerson, grant administrator and co-investigators Dr. Mary Ann Thurkettle, Slippery Rock University, and Dr. Gibbs Kanyongo, Duquesne University, $7,807 from National League for Nursing, for Reflective Judgement and Evidence-Based Practice Readiness Across Educational Program Levels

School of Nursing, Nurse Managed Wellness Center, managed by Maureen Leonardo and Dr. Leni Resick, $900 in additional funding from National Nursing Centers Consortium, bringing the total award to $7,850 to continue the wellness program

WDUQ, first of two installments of $120,590 from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for the Radio Community Service Grant. Also, $14,000 from Tourism Ireland for recording, producing, marketing and distributing the 2009 Cork Jazz Festival in the U.S. (Scott Hanley, director and general manager, will be the administrator)

Dr. Jana Patton-Vogt, Department of Biological Sciences, $46,774 subcontract from Oregon State University on a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for In Vivo Detoxification of Acetic Acid by Saccharomyces Cerevisiae

WDUQ, $22,075 from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a fiscal stabilization grant to maintain local programming services and preserve jobs threatened by declines in non-federal revenue sources (Scott Hanley will administer)

Palumbo-Donahue School of Business, $63,000 from Washington Greene County Job Training Agency, Inc., to provide services to Industry Partnership Participants (Megan Grabski of the Center for Competitive Workforce Development is the administrator)

School of Law, $75,595 from the Internal Revenue Service for a low-income taxpayer clinic (Alice Stewart, director of the low-income tax practicum, will administer the funds)
Students in Action

Every day in many local communities, Duquesne students make a difference in the lives of those in need. These students take Duquesne’s long-standing mission of service to heart with their willingness to give of themselves for the benefit of others. Here are some recent examples of Duquesne students in action:

Duquesne Law students continued their long tradition of philanthropy in late 2009, making a significant contribution to charities nationally.

Law students set a Guinness world record for the longest Wiffle Ball tournament, playing for 26 hours straight, and raised over $2,000 for the LiveStrong Foundation.

The Student Bar Association held the annual Katie Westbrook Race/Race Ipsa Loquitur 5K and raised over $6,000 for pediatric cancer research at Children’s Hospital.

Law students participated in the Light the Night Walk and raised over $3,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The Women’s Law Association raised over $875 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The Military Law Society raised over $750 for Wounded Warriors as part of its event on Sept. 11, 2009.

The Black Law Students Association presented information to African-American male high school students regarding their legal rights.

In April, Duquesne’s occupational therapy students hosted an event for senior citizens called CarFit. Held at UPMC Passavant Hospital in Pittsburgh’s North Hills, the program focused on making sure older drivers are safe in their cars. The students inspected cars brought in by local seniors to make sure the automobiles were safe and fit the drivers correctly. Those who attended were given a package of information that included community resources and other activities within the region that are working on keeping older drivers safe in their cars.

Steve Singhaus, Law School Dean
Ken Gormley, Ramma Barakat and Matt Lambach of the Student Bar Association at the Katie Westbrook Race/Race Ipsa Loquitur 5K.

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As a child, Paul Stumpf, S’02, became fascinated by the solar system. In fact, during his first trip to Pittsburgh’s Buhl Planetarium, he decided he wanted to study the stars for a living and work for NASA.

After spending four years on our Bluff studying physics and earning a graduate degree in aerospace engineering at George Washington University, Stumpf’s lifelong dream became a reality. He joined NASA’s Jet Propulsion Lab in California in 2004, and works on the Cassini project, the NASA mission to study Saturn.

Stumpf is a navigator of the robotic spacecraft. In this position, he works with models and software to determine the various maneuvers for the remote craft, then figures out the path to get the work done on the faraway planet.

With an excited tone in his voice, Stumpf explains about flybys of the planet’s moons; experiments to determine the makeup of the rings and the atmosphere of Titan, the planet’s largest moon; and observations of the smaller moons of the Saturnian system, such as Enceladus, Rhea and Dione.

“We can learn so much about the solar system from Saturn,” notes Stumpf, as he explains the importance of the mission. “We believe there are clues from Saturn on how our early solar system was formed.”

These clues discovered about Titan show signs of a world that may have been similar to Earth before the evolution of life. The discovery of geysers, lakes, rivers, mountains, clouds and similar weather patterns
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have led to a decision to extend the Cassini mission until 2017. The extension makes Stumpf happy as he thinks about his future at NASA.

“I still have seven more years on the Cassini project and then will do a mission of some type,” says Stumpf. “Maybe I’ll be designing the next flagship mission.”

Though a career in astronomy seemed to be Stumpf’s destiny, the way to accomplish his goal was still slightly blurred when he visited Duquesne for the first time.

“I thought about studying astronomy but I am stronger on the technical side,” explains Stumpf. “I told everyone at the school that I planned to work at NASA.”

It was on that fateful visit that he met Dr. Thomas Davies, a physics professor who kindly listened to his lofty goal then encouraged him to consider the rigorous physics curriculum that would prepare him for his future. Stumpf was sold.

While at Duquesne, he delved into his studies but also found time to get intimately involved with the Physics Department, setting up labs for student experiments and tutoring other physics students. During this hectic time, he continued to volunteer at the Buhl Planetarium and was eventually hired to do various jobs at Pittsburgh’s Carnegie Science Center, including working on the laser and planetarium shows.

“It was exciting to work at Buhl,” says Stumpf. “It had an aspect of space that fascinated me. It really was a dream come true.”

Ironically, one of the shows that Stumpf produced and narrated focused on the Cassini mission, which was new at the time.

No matter where his career takes him, Stumpf makes time to keep in touch with the Duquesne professors who taught him physics, especially Dr. Davies and Dr. Simonetta Frittelli. He even visited the school last summer and had lunch with current students who wanted to learn about how he is using his education in the real world.

Stumpf was quick to provide advice, reflecting on how Duquesne prepared him for his time at NASA.

“I learned the fundamentals at Duquesne,” explains Stumpf with gratitude.

“The interaction I had with the teachers and the hands-on approach—that’s where my education came from most.”
An innovative new project, the Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) pilot program, soon will be helping the priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit prepare for the entire range of challenges presented by mission work.

The program is scheduled to launch its pilot phase in August 2010 in Africa, using Spiritans based in Zimbabwe to test its effectiveness. By August 2011, the plan is for the program to be open to any and all persons doing mission work, regardless of their affiliation.

Since their founding more than 300 years ago, Spiritans have been community builders. Today, with missions in more than 60 countries, often in lands devastated by war, poverty and systemic injustice, Spiritans need the skills to strengthen communities more than ever.

The Rev. John Kilcrann, C.S.Sp., a fellow of Duquesne's Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought, who is leading the effort to develop the JPIC program, says that, worldwide, approximately 900 Spiritans are in formation, the term used to describe the educational preparation for their life's work. These Spiritans receive an excellent education, especially in the area of theology, which equips them intellectually for mission work, but formation programs could also benefit from including academic subjects such as economics, sociology, anthropology and political science, and the JPIC plans to offer courses in these areas.

According to Fr. Kilcrann, these Spiritans must also be prepared to work where strife, deprivation and the threat of violence hobble missionary efforts at every turn. Getting them prepared in this way, he says, has been a Spiritan concern since the 1980s.

Born in Rome, Created at Duquesne
The idea to have more extensive training for missionaries arose in Rome at the highest levels of the Congregation, but the planning and development of the JPIC program has taken place at Duquesne.

The program will rely on talent and expertise from across campus to create distance-learning lessons. Fr. Kilcrann says that his first look at Duquesne convinced him that the University's faculty strengths, its capacity to implement Web-related technologies in pursuit of learning goals and the Gumberg Library, with its integrated conventional and digital resources, would be essential for the initiative's success. Fr. Kilcrann relied on the Duquesne Spiritans as well as advice and orientation from various deans at Duquesne to help him choose faculty members for a planning team, which has been at work on the project since August 2009, and for creating course work.

Evan Stoddard, associate dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, who has worked closely with Fr. Kilcrann to organize campus resources for the pilot phase of the program, saw a good fit between JPIC program goals and the McAnulty College's strengths.

"Here in the college, [the JPIC program] resonated with us and seemed like something we should be involved with," says Stoddard.

Delivery and Dialogue
The pilot program will launch in August 2010. Though all of the course work will be accessible online, electrical power and Internet connectivity in some African regions are unreliable, so the program modules also will be distributed on DVDs. The pilot will be tested on two groups of about 20 students each.
DU Establishes Partnership in Kenya

Duquesne has formalized another affiliation with an African educational institution.

In February, Duquesne’s Theology Department established an association with Tangaza College in Nairobi, Kenya. Tangaza College is a theology school founded by three religious congregations, including the Spiritans.

The more than 1,000 students at Tangaza College can now obtain a master’s degree in theology or pastoral ministry from Duquesne.

“The effect of this kind of an affiliation—you have young men ready to be ordained, sisters and lay people—it really multiplies Duquesne’s ability to support and sustain evangelization, which is at the heart of the Spiritan charism,” says George Worgul, professor of theology and department chair. “It’s one of the ways Theology can help keep the Spiritan ethos alive and moving, and it also enriches us because it brings their experiences and perspective into our University.”

The Tangaza partnership is an example of Duquesne’s new strategic plan—with its call for the University to take a leading role in outreach to Africa—at work. According to Worgul, similar affiliations may be made in other parts of Africa.

Connecting to Africa

Fr. Kilcrann explains how the JPIC program dovetails with the University’s Strategic Plan as well as with the Spiritans’ goals. Spiritans, he says, were among the first Catholic orders to focus on African missions, and the University’s most recent Strategic Plan, by committing University resources to strengthening its relationships with the people of Africa, is also complementing long-standing Spiritan efforts.

The mission of the University has always had the effect of broadening the reach and potential of the work we do at Duquesne, Fr. Kilcrann says, and the Strategic Plan’s new commitment to Africa could be a “two-way street,” supplying students and faculty with unique learning opportunities and bringing a greater number of African students to campus.

Beyond the Pilot

After the pilot project, by August 2011, the JPIC program will be open to the entire English-speaking Spiritan community, and later the lessons will be available to Spiritans in the other two largest linguistic groups in the Congregation of the Holy Spirit: French and Portuguese.

The project will be designed to provide students with a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC). At a later stage an M.A. program in pastoral theology with a concentration in JPIC will also be offered by Duquesne’s Theology Department.

JPIC program lessons will cover a wide range of subjects, from conflict resolution to care for the environment. According to Fr. Kilcrann, there are three essential themes in the lessons: social analysis, or the ability to size up a situation according to sometimes less than apparent power relationships; pastoral planning, including the spiritual aspects of ministry, which helps determine the tasks that are most important; and spirituality, the constantly-in-need-of-renewal basis for the religious vocation and all missionary work.

Regardless of who studies the modules, the intention, Fr. Kilcrann explains, is for the students to develop what he calls “a personal toolkit for the ministry that will truly make them agents for change.”

Tanzanian Bishop Visits Duquesne

Tanzanian Bishop Augustine Ndeliakyama Shao, C.S.Sp., traveled to Duquesne during Founders Week in February to address the University community on the work of the Spiritans in his diocese of Zanzibar and Pemba, where the congregation has had a presence for 150 years. Shao, who was consecrated Bishop of Zanzibar in 1997, is also a member of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. He believes creating a harmonious relationship between the country’s 11,000 Christians and 1 million Muslims is a crucial factor in addressing issues of social justice, education and health care that affect all Tanzanians.

“While we struggle to build our schools and dispensaries and to carry out related social services, we are called to live our faith openly, express our hope confidently, and show forth our love in the care we have for our neighbor, our society and our environment,” stated Shao. “In that witnessing, sharing and dialogue we can build together with our Muslim brothers and sisters a new Zanzibar, a new Tanzania, a new Africa, a new world.”

Shao’s graduate studies at Duquesne were interrupted twice by a call to religious service—first, in 1990, as Provincial Superior of the East African Province and then as Bishop of Zanzibar and Pemba. The bishop received an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Pastoral Leadership from Duquesne following his Founders Week presentation.
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HOLOCAUST

DU Faculty Experience Powerful Trip to Israel

— By Karen Ferrick-Roman —
ld City Jerusalem was smaller than expected. The River Jordan would be dwarfed by the mighty Ohio River that flows through Pittsburgh. But Yad Vashem, the world center for Holocaust studies located in Israel, delivered an exceptionally potent message to four Duquesne faculty members who were part of a recent 10-day trip for educators—setting the stage for a continuing relationship between Yad Vashem and Duquesne.

Since that trip, two Yad Vashem scholars have visited Duquesne, and the University is exploring the possibility of students making educational visits to Yad Vashem and is considering a minor in Jewish studies.

The November trip put the faculty members among the 14 local Glimcher Fellows, a group of high school and university educators participating in a specially arranged educational series supported by Yad Vashem, the Agency for Jewish Learning and Duquesne University.

Having four faculty members from a Catholic institution spend their Thanksgiving on a pilgrimage for truth in Israel may seem unusual, but the educational venture meshes perfectly with the University’s commitment to moral and spiritual values, says Dr. Daniel Burston, co-chairman of Duquesne’s Jewish Faculty Forum.

“Nazism was as fundamentally anti-Christian as it was anti-Jewish,” says Burston, who helped to organize the effort but was unable to make the trip.

Spending 10 days with other educators discussing issues of the Holocaust with some of the world’s most eminent scholars were Duquesne faculty members who team teach Holocaust and anti-Semitism classes with Burston: Dr. Marie Baird, associate professor of theology; Dr. Mark Frisch, associate professor of modern languages; and Dr. Matt Schneirov, associate professor of sociology. Dr. Kathleen DeRose, administrator in the Mylan School of Pharmacy who has taught children’s and adolescent literature—including a unit on Holocaust literature at Duquesne and Chatham University—was also part of the trip.

Following an opening presentation by one of the most highly respected Holocaust scholars, Yehuda Bauer, the Duquesne faculty members were immersed in examining the Holocaust from many perspectives: the philosophy of anti-Semitism, life in Warsaw ghetto, Holocaust deniers, spiritual leaders, literature, music and other topics.

“The seminar, as a whole, was useful because it fleshed out details on the Holocaust, which is the most important, thoroughly studied 20th-century event,” says Frisch, who focuses on literature, and learned about music and poetry as forms of resistance.

Discovering details of the Holocaust operations, Baird says, “has been so important to me because it made it even more horrific. Most scholarship is dedicated to survivors and rescuers.” As she prepares upcoming Holocaust courses, she notes, “This experience has caused me to place more emphasis on scholarship on perpetrators.”

For Frisch, the seminar also emphasized the progression of events. “The Holocaust should be taught in a variety of contexts: life in the ghettos and (death) camp life, life after and the actual event is all part of this larger context,” he says.

“The Holocaust happened 60 years ago, but it seems like the world didn’t learn much, with genocide in Rwanda and Yugoslavia,” says Dr. Zipora Gur, director of advanced education at the Agency for Jewish Learning, who arranged the trip. “It’s really important to impact teachers. Yad Vashem is where we study with top experts in the field.”

Being part of a select group invited to such a special program “was an incredible way for me to broaden my scope of knowledge,” says DeRose, who has been involved in Holocaust studies for 12 years and has presented papers in Italy, Hungary and Poland.
“I have gained a greater understanding of how the Jewish people, both survivors and first- and second-generations of victims and survivors, have overcome the most incomprehensible event in world history,” she says. “It was enlightening to see how the Jewish people were determined to pick up the pieces and start anew. It was gratifying to observe not only Jewish life after the Holocaust, but to also witness the blend of several different cultures.”

The seminar supplied in-depth context and details while suggesting approaches to teaching students about the often-disturbing information from the Holocaust.

The professors also were interested in the pedagogical approaches used with younger students. “What are they getting before they come to us in college?” asks Baird.

The unfortunate answer may be very little.

“My sense is there’s very, very limited understanding by college-age students from movies and readings in high school, but there is no knowledge of Jewish culture and the people at the time,” says Schneirov, who co-chairs the Jewish Faculty Forum with Burston. “They have limited knowledge of issues of anti-Semitism, and there’s a lot for us to do.”

The impact, Burston says, reaches far beyond the Jewish community.

“This isn’t just a subject that is for and about Jews,” says Burston, noting the popularity of Duquesne’s 2006 A Blessing to One Another exhibit among Christian and Jewish communities. “It is how you understand genocides happen and will happen, if we aren’t vigilant.”

Even as the Duquesne faculty members continue to assimilate the vast information and powerful emotional messages they received at Yad Vashem, they plan to carry these lessons into their classrooms.

Studying the attempt to destroy Jewish civilization and culture, then walking around Israel, hearing Muslims called to prayer while cab drivers argued in several languages “was uplifting and emphasizes how Israel has been able to rebuild and maintain its existence,” says Frisch. “It certainly will enrich my teaching.”

The experience provided DeRose with new ideas to share with students in a program offered through Duquesne’s School of Education and with local teachers in continuing education classes.

“Yad Vashem encourages educators to place emphasis on the lives of the Jewish people prior to the Holocaust,” she says. “According to Yad Vashem, we cannot speak of the tragedy of the Holocaust if we do not first of all know who and what we have lost.”
Alumnus Earns National Award for Holocaust Education Efforts

James Lucot, N’89, who teaches history and the Holocaust at Seneca Valley High School near Pittsburgh, has received the 2009 Robert I. Goldman Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education from the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous.

The organization selected Lucot for “the depth and quality of his course, as well as his passion for extending his own knowledge through seminars, research and exploration.”

Lucot, who conducted an independent study on the Holocaust while at Duquesne, met dozens of survivors, rescuers and experts as an Alfred Lerner Fellow at Columbia University and on his own.

“Part of the mission and objective is to educate for when there are no survivors left,” he says.

“His constant self-learning and constant desire to teach the Holocaust to all manners of individuals within the community is a very significant perspective to award,” says Dr. Edie Naveh, his nominator and director of the Holocaust Center of the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh.

DU Scholars Focus on Heroes of the Holocaust

Two of Duquesne University’s top-notch Holocaust scholars, Dr. Marie L. Baird and Dr. Ruth G. Biro, have uncovered the raw courage and resilience of rescuers and survivors amid the hate-filled Nazi plan to eliminate Jews.

“‘They were a light in the darkness,’” says Baird, an international expert on phenomenologist Emmanuel Levinas, a Lithuanian-born Orthodox Jew and prisoner of war. Levinas addressed human behavior in terms of “ethical responsibility,” the motivation that drives acts from holding doors open for others to saving lives.

“In a certain sense, his philosophy is his answer to the Holocaust: not only am I not defeated, I am fighting back with ethical responsibility. Ethical responsibility will have the final word,” says Baird, an associate professor of theology affiliated with Duquesne since 1990. She received her master’s and doctoral degrees here.

“I have benefited immensely from the phenomenologists here I have known, many of whom were Holy Ghost fathers,” says Baird, noting that the Duquesne University Press published the first Levinas book translated into English. Author of On the Side of Angels: Ethics and Post-Holocaust Spirituality, Baird is working on a second book, has presented nationally and internationally, and has translated Levinas from Dutch and French. A visitor to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial, she team teaches Duquesne’s Holocaust course.

Biro, also touched by rescuers and survivors, focuses on literature that brings these lives to teens. For more than two decades, Biro has examined the Holocaust in Hungary, which was the last country to be occupied by the Nazis—and, as a result, a country whose Holocaust stories are rarely told. Although she retired last year as assistant professor in the School of Education’s Department of Instruction and Leadership after a 47-year affiliation with Duquesne, Biro works so these voices from the Holocaust continue to be heard.

Biro holds two certificates for Holocaust study from Yad Vashem, has presented internationally with Duquesne Holocaust scholar Kathleen DeRose, and has been published by the National Catholic Center for Holocaust Studies.

She also headed two Fulbright-Hays scholarships for the United States in Hungary in 1991 and 1992. Closing a full circle, she has discovered thousands were saved by border workers who ignored fake documents—and that many of the saved became resistance workers in Hungary.

An international expert on Raoul Wallenberg, Biro finds a lifetime of inspiration in the Swede who provided thousands of letters of protection, saving up to 100,000 Jewish lives.

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Diamond Award

Pittsburgh Business Times
Honors Dougherty with Diamond Award

Duquesne President Charles Dougherty has been presented with a 2010 Diamond Award by the Pittsburgh Business Times. The award honors presidents and chief executive officers (CEOs) of both for-profit and non-profit enterprises based on qualities including leadership, organizational success and efforts by the individual outside of the organization.

Under Dougherty’s leadership, Duquesne University has:

• moved into the top tier in the U.S. News & World Report’s prestigious annual ranking of America’s Best Colleges
• established its first-ever Strategic Plan and has approved its second Strategic Plan
• experienced record-breaking enrollment
• earned its first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Rating (for the new Power Center) and LEED Gold Rating (for renovations to the Duquesne Union) from the U.S. Green Building Council

Dougherty was one of only four winners named in the non-profit category. The other winners included representatives from The Children’s Home of Pittsburgh and Lemieux Family Center, Community College of Allegheny County and Dollar Energy Fund.

Nominees for the Diamond Award must be CEOs or hold equivalent positions at organizations in the 10-county Pittsburgh region. A panel of judges made the independent selection of the winners from a finalist pool of approximately 75 nominations.

Please see the sidebar to read the Diamond Award profile on Dougherty, A philosopher’s approach, as it appeared in the Pittsburgh Business Times.
On the Road with the DU Magazine

Jack Wojdowski, B’73, L’76, and his daughter, Jessica Wojdowski, B’02, took their Duquesne University Magazine to Marrakech, Morocco.

Michael Hogan, B’63, celebrated Assumption Thursday in the Old City Square, Warsaw, Poland.

In October, DU alumni gathered for the wedding of Sara (Wilson) Perez, A’96, at the Spa at the Norwich Inn, Norwich, Conn. Pictured are: Dawn (Scott) Lecker, A’95, Pam (Weber) Dixon, A’96, Cathy (Costanzo) Stanford, E’96, Brady Lecker, P’95, Sara (Wilson) Perez, John Perez, Denny Horner, B’96, Ed Calimag, S’96, and Aileen (Zamora) Stacy, S’96.

Nancy Walko Climo, P’83, along with her nephew, Jonathan Wright, PharmD’09, and her daughter, Duquesne pharmacy student Victoria Climo, took the DU Magazine to the Parthenon in Athens, Greece. The site was one of many stops they visited while on a 12-day Mediterranean cruise.

Alumni recently traveled together to Gulf Shores, Ala. Pictured are: Robert Anderson, P’72, Linda Wills Anderson, P’72, Rosemary Charat Rynn, E’71, and Joseph Rynn, E’71, GE’77.

John Marcus, B’62, and Patti Pitini Marcus, N’62, crossed the Arctic Circle on their way north to Spitsbergen Island, Norway. They sailed on the Polar Star last year.


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Duquesne to Open Community Pharmacy in Pittsburgh’s Hill District

Duquesne University’s Mylan School of Pharmacy will open a pharmacy in Pittsburgh’s Hill District this fall, making it the first off-campus, community pharmacy in the nation designed and operated by a school of pharmacy.

“Responding to the needs of others, particularly the underserved, is at the heart of Duquesne’s mission,” says President Charles J. Dougherty. “The School of Pharmacy has been serving in the community for more than 80 years and is pleased to move up to a new level of service. This effort provides accessible, affordable health and education services designed to improve the health and well-being of Pittsburgh residents.

It is also a unique opportunity for student and faculty community engagement, professional education and clinical care.”

The pharmacy—the first in the Hill District in 10 years—will be staffed by a director, licensed pharmacists, Duquesne pharmacy faculty and student pharmacists. It will be located at 1860 Centre Avenue in the Triangle Shops complex and will be open six days a week. The University and the School of Pharmacy are investing more than $600,000 in the project.

In addition to providing affordable access to prescription medication, the pharmacy will offer private patient consultations, health and wellness education, medication therapy management services and health risk assessments.

“Understanding the needs of the community is the first step, and building relationships with those individuals is a very important part of the success of offering community pharmacy clinical services,” explains Dean J. Douglas Bricker of the Mylan School of Pharmacy. “This will not be your typical pharmacy. It will demonstrate the values of medication management services to a pharmacy. Patient counseling will be the norm—not the exception—in this community pharmacy.”

According to Bricker, the pharmacy health care team will work to help community residents receive the maximum benefit from their medication therapy and achieve their health care goals in a confidential, convenient environment. “It will be personal and patient-centered, offering a comprehensive evaluation of individual needs,” he says.

Residents will have the opportunity to meet with pharmacy team members on an ongoing basis to ask questions, set goals and monitor their progress. The University will seek additional qualification to operate the pharmacy under the federal “340B” program, which will enable it to provide lower-cost medications to patients of federally qualified health centers (FQHC).

“Through our role as a community health care provider, creating a community pharmacy like this is important because it provides that critical, first step for residents to get the help that they need,” explains Dr. Tom Mattei, associate dean of
Civic leaders and community representatives at the news conference expressed their support for Duquesne's plans to open the new community pharmacy.

“When you see something like this come to the Hill District, come to a community that always has so much attention for what’s trying to take place up here and to actually be here as a part of reality of what is taking place and for it to be the first in the country—this is awesome,” said Esther Bush, president and chief executive officer of The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh.

“I see Duquesne University as a partner as well as an automatic member of the community,” said State Rep. Jake Wheatley, D-Hill District. “This is not just about a pharmacy, but about having an educational partner like Duquesne to address shortcomings in our community. This (space) was a church, and Duquesne is a faith-based entity—so this can’t fail.”

“Welcome home to the neighborhood. I want to thank the University leadership and staff for being here. This pharmacy will not only bring vitally needed services, but will also add another step to the rebuilding of the Hill and Centre Avenue corridor,” said Carl Redwood, chairperson of the Hill District Consensus Group.

“I have hope that others across the community can take this as an example of what they can do in relationship to the community,” said Allegheny County Councilman William Robinson, D-Hill District.

“We’ll embrace this because we know the importance that any community thrives through a healthy community,” said Ed Gainey, coordinator for economic development for Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl.

“Duquesne is thinking outside the box, to the benefit not only of its students but to the community,” said Mark Jones, representing Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato.

“I can’t tell you how important this is to the people…the people will be helped in their health efforts; the people will be helped in many, many ways,” said Victor Roque, interim president of the Hill House Association.

“Since 2000, when the last pharmacy in the Hill District closed, the community has been devoid of a basic service which it has had to access outside of the neighborhood. It is therefore with great excitement that the Hill District anticipates the opening of Duquesne’s pharmacy,” said Pittsburgh City Councilman R. Daniel Lavelle.

“As we look at the Centre Avenue corridor, (revitalization efforts) have taken place. New and exciting things are happening,” said the Rev. John Cook of the Allegheny Union Baptist Association. “This will provide an important resource for residents.”
School of Pharmacy Committed to Community Outreach

For more than 85 years, the Mylan School of Pharmacy has been a leader in preparing graduates to deliver comprehensive pharmaceutical care that promotes positive patient health outcomes.

The school operates numerous community initiatives designed to prevent disease and improve the health and well-being of community residents, particularly the underserved. These efforts exemplify the reputation of the Mylan School of Pharmacy as a leader in pharmacy education, research and patient care. These initiatives are supported by:

**The Center for Pharmacy Care:** With a focus on health and wellness education, the center offers educational programs, medication therapy management services and health risk assessments for such chronic disorders as hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes and osteoporosis. Since its inception in 2002, the center has conducted health assessments on more than 28,000 individuals. In 2007-08, the center:

- participated in 135 health assessment programs to more than 5,600 people
- referred more than 1,000 patients to other health care providers for follow-up care
- provided monthly health assessments and education information to more than 700 patients in Carnegie, Lawrenceville, Millvale, South Side Hilltop, the West End and the Hill District, utilizing the The Spirit of Health mobile unit
- administered more than 700 influenza vaccines
- implemented a Hepatitis C identification program in Lawrenceville and South Side Hilltop

**The Pharmaceutical Information Center:** Established in 1998, this center answers more than 1,500 calls annually from health professionals and the public regarding new drugs, drug interactions, adverse reactions, identification of international medications, safe drug use during pregnancy and lactation, dietary supplements, and complementary and alternative medicines.

**Duquesne Medication Management (DM2) Services:** Launched in the fall of 2007, this pharmacist-directed wellness program provides ongoing lifestyle counseling and support to uninsured individuals or families dealing with chronic health problems that require multiple medications. The service is provided at no cost to eligible participants, who benefit from comprehensive counseling on medications, behavioral and lifestyle changes; various point-of-care tests (for example, cholesterol, bone density and glucose); development of medication care plans; and collaboration with other health care providers. Currently, the program serves approximately 40 families in the Pittsburgh area.

**Academic Partners Program:** This unique program enables the Mylan School of Pharmacy to share its knowledge and resources with a growing network of regional hospitals, health systems and health care providers, including UPMC Mercy, Ohio Valley Hospital, The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh, and Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh, among others. The program’s mission is to augment pharmacy practice, improving patient care and clinical research, while advancing the teaching, research and service activities of the school.
Alumni Relations
Recaps Past Work, Details Future Plans

The Duquesne University Alumni Association/Office of Alumni Relations recently published a report detailing their work over the last year and plans for the future.

The new online community, available via MyDuquesne.duq.edu, has been a great success, with 24/7 access to news and events listings, an alumni directory, class notes, alumni chapters and groups, personal and professional networking, and much more.

The Office of Alumni Relations also offers special programs and scholarships for legacy families (those with more than one generation of alumni); oversees the Young Alumni Council, which was recently established to engage alumni who are 10 years out (or less) from their final degree at Duquesne; plans a packed schedule of alumni events throughout the year; supports a group of “Student Ambassadors” who represent Duquesne at alumni events and community service initiatives; and offers special alumni services and products.

The Duquesne Alumni Recruitment Team (DART) is working on behalf of our 74,000 Duquesne alumni with an overall goal of inspiring those alumni to celebrate their passion for Duquesne University by bringing new students into the University.

Recent initiatives include 15 alumni recruiting on behalf of Duquesne at college fairs around the country, alumni holding send-off parties for freshmen in their area who are attending Duquesne, and a campaign in which distinguished alumni will write letters of encouragement to prospective students.

Formal alumni chapters have been set up in Chicago, Cleveland, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Each chapter will host three to four events per year, while also participating in community service, student recruiting, and other initiatives extending the University’s impact across the country.

“If you loyally claim Duquesne University as your alma mater, or you simply have a great respect for who we are and what we do, then we invite you to join us as we advance the proud legacy of the Duquesne experience for past, present and future Dukes,” says Julie Shepard, director of the Office of Alumni Relations.

For the full Alumni Relations Report, please visit www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu.
A major renovation of the Duquesne Union has earned Gold certification under the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Commercial Interiors rating system. This renovation project is the first LEED Gold certification for the University and the second LEED certification for the campus.

Through this $2.57 million renovation, Duquesne consolidated a number of student services in the new space, facilitating and improving delivery of these services to students.

The renovated second floor of the building provides students with a sustainable and healthy environment through an increased fresh air flow, additional air filtration system, use of low-volatile organic compound finishes and an extensive green cleaning program. The renovation showcases wood that is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council in all of the wood panels, cabinets and doors.

The University partnered with RYCON Construction to divert nearly all of the waste generated by construction operations from landfills. The completed project also expands Duquesne’s campus-wide recycling program. Over 35 percent of the products used have been sourced regionally and more than 30 percent of the furnishings come from recycled sources.

Duquesne’s commitment to superior environmental stewardship is also reflected in this major renovation through significant reductions in energy and water usage. The renovated space reduces water usage by half through the availability of waterless urinals and public lavatories with infrared-activated electronic faucets. An overall 25 percent reduction in energy consumption is accomplished through an optimized heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, occupancy sensors for lighting and the use of Energy Star-compliant equipment.

The application compiled by the Duquesne University Volunteers (DUV) office discussed some of the ways that over 8,715 of the University’s students spent more than 221,230 hours volunteering.

The newly created Beard Institute, as part of Duquesne’s Palumbo-Donahue School of Business, will encompass the disciplines of business ethics, sustainability and responsible financial management in discussions and events that involve faculty, students and the business community. The focus and scope of the institute, named for benefactor and Duquesne alumnus Eugene P. Beard, has grown from The Beard Center for Leadership in Ethics at Duquesne University to The Beard Institute, just as business ethics, finance and sustainability challenges have grown in the global marketplace.

Some activities falling under the umbrella of The Beard Institute include:

- The annual November sustainability symposium for executive officers, board members and other top managers, encompassing all three disciplines.
- Regulatory compliance and best-practices symposia in partnership with the...
Greater Pittsburgh Compliance Roundtable and Pittsburgh Ethics and Business Conduct Network.

- The semi-annual Distinguished Ethics Speaker Series for students, faculty and guests.
- Service-learning projects in the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business that engage in community-based approaches to issues.
- Financial literacy training of local high school students, provided by a team of business school upperclassmen in partnership with the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute.
- Programs such as the Emerging Women’s Leadership Conference, which is designed to develop skills in young, high-potential women.

More information on The Beard Institute is available at www.business.duq.edu/beard.

**New Residence Hall to be Constructed at Duquesne**

Duquesne’s plans to build a new residence hall to meet growing on-campus housing needs comes in the wake of continuous record-breaking enrollment, retention rates well above national averages and a desire voiced by students to remain on campus during their junior and senior years.

The new building will be located on the site of Duquesne’s Des Places Hall, which houses various academic and non-academic units. Demolition of Des Places is slated for November and construction will begin in spring 2011. Approximately 400 beds will be available for upperclassmen in suite-style configurations.

In alignment with Duquesne’s commitment to environmental stewardship, the building will be constructed to earn Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification of the U.S. Green Building Council.

**Houglum Honored as Most Influential Rehabilitation Therapist**

Dr. Peggy A. Houglum, associate professor in Duquesne’s Rangos School of Health Sciences’ Athletic Training Department, was named by Therapy Times as Most Influential Rehabilitation Professional in Physical Therapy for 2009. The award is presented to rehabilitation specialists who demonstrate a “passion for therapy and an uncommon dedication to high quality patient care.”

A faculty member at Duquesne since 2001, Houglum has more than 30 years of experience in physical therapy and athletic training, and specializes in rehabilitation and therapeutic exercise. She is a practicing physical therapist as well as a renowned educator who literally “wrote the book” on rehabilitation techniques for athletic training students. Therapeutic Exercise for Musculoskeletal Injuries, first published in 2000, is used as an academic textbook for more than 60 percent of athletic training education programs, as well as a reference text for practicing clinicians.

She is a Hall of Fame member of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association and a member of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society and the American Physical Therapy Association.

**Speech-Language Pathologists Discuss Early Identification of Autism**

The inaugural Speech-Language Pathology Symposium at Duquesne University, held March 12, examined the early identification of autism and increasing the communication of school-age children with the disorder. While autism is becoming more prevalent, most children are not diagnosed until they are 2 to 3 years old—often because of the presence or absence of certain behaviors.

The symposium was aimed toward speech-language pathologists, who often are involved because of communication issues associated with autism. Topics included: common barriers to early identification of young children with autism, early social and communicative behaviors, behaviors that help in the decision-making process of a diagnosis, and the implications of neurobiologic research findings for language intervention with both low-verbal and high-functioning school-age children.
Duquesne University has named Ken Gormley dean of the School of Law. The announcement was made on March 29.

“We are delighted to have such an accomplished teacher-scholar, active member of the Bar and influential author leading our School of Law,” says Duquesne President Charles Dougherty. “Our aspiration is to be a nationally prominent law school, and Professor Gormley is just the person to take us there. We’re very grateful for the work of an exceptional search committee in bringing us to this defining moment for our School of Law.”

Members of the committee included Dr. John E. Murray, Jr., chancellor and professor of law; Alfred Peláez, distinguished professor of law; Mark Yochum, professor of law; Nancy Perkins, associate dean and professor of law; The Honorable Joy Flowers Conti, judge, United States District Court for Western Pennsylvania; The Honorable Cynthia A. Baldwin, retired justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and now general counsel of Penn State University; and Duquesne Student Bar Association leader Abigail Faett.

“It is a great honor to be selected to lead Duquesne’s School of Law at this important time in its history,” says Gormley. “As we prepare to celebrate our hundredth anniversary next year, the Law School is nicely positioned to build upon its rich tradition of training excellent, ethical, highly-qualified lawyers. I am grateful for the opportunity to further contribute to and continue this legacy.”

Gormley, who was the first academic to serve as president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, was named interim dean of the school in December 2008. He also served as associate vice president for interdisciplinary scholarship and special projects at Duquesne. He joined the law school faculty in 1994. An expert in constitutional law, Gormley teaches courses on constitutional law, state constitutional law, political and civil rights, and the First Amendment. He has testified before the United States Senate on topics including wiretapping, presidential pardons and the independent counsel law.

Most recently, Gormley has received accolades for his new book, *The Death of American Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr*, published by Crown Publishing Group in February (see sidebar). Gormley is author of *Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation*, and his work has been published in *Congressional Digest, Legal Times, USA Today Magazine* and *The Pennsylvania Lawyer*. A popular and highly sought speaker, he has shared his expertise and opinions at professional, university and legal gatherings across the nation and abroad, including engagements at Harvard Law School, The Chautauqua Institution, Oxford University, the Pennsylvania State Trial Judges’ Conference, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Federal Bar Association and the R.I.Z. Law Centre for European and International Cooperation in Cologne, Germany.

Gormley is of counsel with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP. He sits on the advisory committee for the Dick Thornburgh Forum for Law and Public Policy and is an advisory board member for the Bernard G. Segal Institute for Appellate Advocacy. He has served as executive director of the Pennsylvania Legislative Reappointment Commission and, as a special clerk to the late state Supreme Court Justice Ralph Cappy, he consulted on and drafted opinions dealing with Constitutional issues.

“I am deeply grateful to the faculty, the search committee, our students, the Spiritan community, our alumni, President Dougherty and the entire University administration for their confidence in me,” says Gormley. “Duquesne has been my professional home for 16 years; Pittsburgh has been my home for 55 years. There is nowhere else I would rather make my contribution.”

Ken Gormley
New Book Explores Controversies of Clinton Presidency

Law Dean Ken Gormley’s Book Reveals New Information, Receives National Media Attention

While U.S. President Bill Clinton and his administration are credited with many achievements, including overseeing the country’s longest peacetime economic expansion, Clinton always will be remembered for being only the second president to be impeached. Although the two-term leader was acquitted by the Senate, his presidency is marred by the scandals that nearly destroyed it.

In his new book, *The Death of American Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr*, School of Law Dean Ken Gormley not only gives a balanced and accurate account of the dark events of the Clinton presidency, but also reveals new information and relevant facts.

*“The Death of American Virtue* is geared toward a general audience and is about politics, history, government and one of the biggest political scandals in modern history,” says Gormley, who started working on the book in 2000. “It’s designed to read more like a novel, but to be completely accurate and documented so that it is hopefully considered to be the last word on this topic that people choose to read 100 years from now when they look back on this period.”

Gormley conducted extensive interviews with prosecutor Kenneth Starr, Monica Lewinsky, Linda Tripp, Paula Jones, Henry Hyde and various Supreme Court justices. After a preliminary discussion about the book with Clinton at a Pittsburgh hotel, Gormley did three interviews with Clinton, two of which were held at the president’s Chappaqua, N.Y., home. Was he intimidated at the thought of interviewing Clinton about such personal and controversial issues?

“Certainly I was apprehensive. He’s bigger than life,” explains Gormley. “He knows where he wants to go and what he wants to talk about, but there were times I had to interrupt him in order to steer him back to the things I wanted to talk about. You question whether you should be doing that, because it is the former president of the United States, but your job is to get the story. It turned out that these were very engaging and interesting interviews for me.”

According to Gormley, *The Death of American Virtue* features a multitude of revelations. When asked which he thought was among the most surprising, Gormley cites when he literally “got his hands on” a draft indictment of first lady Hillary Clinton that no one else—including the Clintons themselves—had or have ever seen.

“That was kind of a heart-pounding moment when I came across that document in a place that it shouldn’t have been,” says Gormley. “I was able to read it and record for the first time what the effort was by Ken Starr’s office to try to indict the first lady.”

Gormley spent nine years working on the book, a decision he says was the right one.

“I set out to do this as a long-term project, and that turned out to be a good decision because if I had rushed it I don’t think that it would have turned out nearly as well in the end,” says Gormley. “There were a lot of days and nights holed up in the study working away on a project like this, and it was a big commitment for our whole family, but it will be nice to sit back and enjoy the fruits of that labor.”

Named as an “Editor’s Choice” by the Sunday *New York Times*, *The Death of American Virtue* has received high praise from the likes of *The Washington Post*, *Publishers Weekly* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, among others. Gormley has been interviewed by and made appearances on The *Today Show*, NPR’s *Fresh Air*, *Fox & Friends* and *Hardball with Chris Matthews*. The book has also been selected to receive the prestigious Bruce K. Gould Book Award from the Touro college Jacob D. Fuchsberg law center. Past recipients include Bob Woodward, retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

“I have to say, I never got tired of working on the book—if I had another year, I’d keep working away at it and enjoy it. This kind of writing for me is a lot of fun,” says Gormley.
Phil Leffew says that his boss Randy Castriota, A’72, took a chance on him when others wouldn’t.

“He allowed me to get on my feet and gave me the first job I ever had in my life,” says the ex-offender, now gainfully employed. “I honestly don’t know where I would be without his help.”

Leffew is one of the men Castriota has helped turn from a life of drugs and prison sentences to full-time employment.

As he quietly assists those in need in one corner of Pittsburgh, Castriota in many ways reflects his alma mater’s mission and the work of its founders with the poor and marginalized around the world. The business owner says it started with helping one person and grew from there.

“A man responded to an ad for an apartment I had for rent,” says the owner of Castriota Metals and Recycling in McKees Rocks/Stowe Township, Pa., “and we started to talk about his life.”

When Larry Chisholm explained that he had been in and out of prison for more than 40 of his 60 years, Castriota didn’t react with shock but rather asked what the ex-con wanted to do with his life from that point on. Chisholm said he wanted to get a job and eventually start a gym to teach
“Randy Castriota treats everyone the same, regardless of a person’s background. He has a real love for people...”

boxing to young people. That same day Castriota offered the man a place to live, employment and a start on his dream.

“I could tell he was determined to be a man of purpose,” says Castriota.

“Randy Castriota treats everyone the same, regardless of a person’s background,” says Chisholm. “He has a real love for people and it shows.”

Six years later, Chisholm is running the “Gym of Future Champs” boxing center in Wilkinsburg, Pa. The boxing center is helping to keep kids away from drugs and away from the type of life he experienced in and out of prison, says Chisholm. The day he met Castriota turned out to be a day that led to new chances for many people, he notes.

Patrick Byrnes says the Urban League told him about Castriota’s willingness to give people a fresh start by considering hiring those with a record. “I went with work boots in hand,” says Byrnes, of his willingness to do whatever it took to get a job with Castriota’s company. The 33-year-old was hired two years ago and even hired back after he returned to jail for a parole violation.

“Randy actually kept my job for me,” he says. “That gave me hope and a sense of security that I really needed.”

Most of the men Castriota hires out of prison have a history of drug offenses. The combination of gainful employment and a commitment to a new start is critical.

“Randy Castriota helped a lot of people including me,” says Byrnes. “I was able to save money for an apartment and make a new start. People out of prison need jobs.”

And not only do they need jobs, but a vision for the future, says Castriota: “I think it’s important to ask people about their dreams.”

Castriota launched Castriota Metals and Recycling in 1987, serving a handful of customers daily. Today, he assists more than 300 through two locations, the main site in McKees Rocks/Stowe, and a second in Brookline, Pa. He also started Pittsburgh Roll-Over Service and now has a fleet of trucks and Dumpsters available for clients.

M. Dean Mosites, president of Mosites Construction Company’s building division, has done business with Castriota for 10 years and says the company is excellent at what it does. Mosites is aware that Castriota’s workers include ex-offenders, but points out that it is not readily apparent on the job.

“This speaks to the success of what Randy is doing and who he is hiring,” he says. “As a businessman, he doesn’t need to do this. But he recognizes that sometimes people deserve a second chance.”

Castriota credits his father with helping to develop his strong work ethic and ability to see an opportunity where others may not. Al Castriota was a city policeman who on his off hours drove a pickup truck and scavenged for scrap metal, making an extra $15 to $20 a day. His son, a student in a Catholic elementary school and high school, often accompanied him. Though he studied political science at Duquesne University and once thought about becoming an attorney, Castriota eventually saw opportunities in the scrap industry and began plans for his current business ventures.

To visit Randy Castriota in his place of work is to watch the mission of Duquesne University and the Spiritans in action. Here in one corner of Pittsburgh, people on the fringes of society are finding a second chance at life.
For decades, the people of Haiti have suffered from extreme poverty. On Jan. 12, 2010, their already uncertain future turned tragic and chaotic in the wake of a massive earthquake that devastated the island nation.

The Duquesne campus community, as well as Duquesne alumni and the Spiritans already working in Haiti, joined the world in lending assistance to the people of Haiti.

While the utter destruction caused by the earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12 stunned people worldwide, the impact on Duquesne University was personal and profound.

The Spiritan Foundation, headquartered in Port-au-Prince since 1865, suffered tremendous losses. A young seminarian, Stephane Dauge, was killed. The prestigious College of St. Martial, which served more than 1,400 students, was almost completely demolished. Adjacent facilities that housed the Spiritan administrative offices as well as the Spiritan formation center for those studying for the priesthood were also destroyed, displacing six priests, eight students and 20 novitiates.

The Duquesne University administration rallied to help the Spiritan congregation, appealing to faculty, staff and alumni, as well as to students for directed donations to the Duquesne Haitian Fund.

“As the world’s only comprehensive Spiritan university, we have a special obligation to our Spiritan friends and the work they’re doing in Haiti,” says President Charles Dougherty. Additionally, he says, contributors know “that every dollar we raised would be going to someone on the scene.”

Duquesne members responded by raising $33,000 that was presented to the Rev. Paulin Innocent, C.S.Sp., provincial superior of the Spiritan Foundation in Haiti, at a special campus event on March 30.

“The work being done in Haiti personifies the Spiritan legacy of educating and serving the very poor and marginalized,” says the Rev. James McCloskey, C.S.Sp., vice president for Duquesne’s Office of Mission and Identity.

Alia Pustorino-Clevenger, assistant director of student activities, says that 15 student groups at Duquesne also united to aid the cause, gathering over 12,000 toiletry items. The students also collected monetary donations for the Spiritan fathers in Haiti as well as for Doctors Without Borders and the Albert Schweitzer hospital.

Efforts to support the Spiritan Foundation in Haiti will be ongoing. More information on the appeal is available at www.myduquesne.duq.edu.
Alumni Send Aid, Work on the Ground

Mike Gomber, A’85, had the opportunity, means and motivation to help the victims of earthquake-ravaged Haiti. A consultant to a Fortune 500 company that markets health care products and services, the Washington, Pa., resident collected more than five cases of surgical gloves, gauze, syringes, alcohol preps, Betadine Solution, splints, orthopedic soft goods and other medical supplies from distributors. He then combined his donations with those being shipped to Haiti by one of his clients, Med Express Urgent Care of Pittsburgh.

“Duquesne instilled a spirit in me that helped me understand the importance of building bridges with other people or countries and working together to conquer disease, poverty, ignorance and hunger. When you unite with others who share that same spirit, it is a blessing to the world,” he says.

Kelly Burke, P’96, sprang into action. As a specialty pharmacist, she drew on her health care knowledge as well as her philanthropic character to organize a community fund-raiser to purchase the necessary drugs.

“We raised about $3,000 within days from the community, including the local employees of my company, Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy. That money, coupled with additional donations from Diplomat’s corporate headquarters, resulted in the donation of thousands of doses of antibiotics, antihistamines, nutritional supplements and other drugs, worth nearly $10,000. These were shipped directly to Haiti and arrived in time for use by the medical team treating earthquake victims and survivors,” she explains.

Burke credits her parents for always encouraging her and her sister to aid others who are less fortunate whenever possible: “I did what I had to do to assist in the relief effort and, together with the community’s generosity, was able to make a difference locally and globally.”

Marisol Wandiga’s, B’92, first week at her new job at Global Links coincided with the Haitian earthquake. As project manager for the Caribbean region, she immediately became involved in developing shipments containing medical supplies and equipment donated by U.S. hospitals.

The job requires a high level of strategic planning and communication. “You are planning shipments that will happen six weeks into the future, but the logistics and the needs on the field are changing almost on a weekly basis. There are times when I go home on a Friday thinking, ‘OK we have a plan, next week we can launch the first stage,’” says Wandiga. “Then I walk in on Monday and everything has changed—the government has implemented new changes on the customs process; the trucking company is looking at a new route due to flooding concerns now that the rainy season has started; and the hospital has received a donation from another NGO (non-governmental organization) that changes its needs list.”

Though months have passed since the initial tragedy, Wandiga’s work for Haiti will continue well into the future. “Our earthquake relief project will be a two-year commitment to help the Ministry of Health in Haiti rebuild their health system,” she says. “Global Links and the Pan American Health Organization are committed to not only fixing what was damaged, but more importantly reassessing the health system and looking at ways health services can be expanded, improved and sustained for the long-term.”

Soon after the Haiti earthquake struck, Francis Feld, N’93, was deployed to Haiti by the Department of Health and Human Services as a member of the PA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT). A certified registered nurse anesthetist, Feld was assigned to administer anesthesia for surgical procedures on the DMAT’s first international mission.

Once he arrived in Haiti, Feld was assigned to one of only two facilities established for treating critically injured patients—a surgical field hospital operating at the Gheskio AIDS clinic in Port-au-Prince. While his surgical caseload was quite similar to that which he sees regularly at work in UPMC-Mercy’s Level I Trauma Center—amputations, fracture stabilization, gunshot and stab wounds—his overall experience was anything but routine.

Along with the surgical team, he worked from 8 a.m. until after dark, managed emergency cases if they arose during the night, and covered the ICU for airway management of many patients.

After nine days in Haiti, the North Hills, Pa., resident returned to the United States with a new appreciation of how lucky Americans are:

“The Haitians had so very little before the earthquake and that had been taken away from them. Their existence boils down to survival and nothing more. Yet the resiliency of the children was remarkable—I saw kites flying over the tent cities, a boy playing with his toy truck in the dirt and kids playing hide and seek. I now think how silly we are to worry about so many things that are really not all that important. We are truly blessed here in this country and we forget it all too often and easily.”

Francis Feld

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kids health literacy – By Randy Cole –

Teaching kids and the community about health literacy is Dr. John Pollock’s mission. He recently developed and filmed a pilot for a new family television series called Scientastic!, aimed at engaging kids and their parents as active participants in their own health and lifestyle choices. The show, which is slated to air as a pilot on Pittsburgh’s PBS affiliate WQED this spring, is the culmination of many hours of work and a labor of love for Pollock.

“Between 70 and 100 million adults in America have low health literacy skills,” explains Pollock. “That’s basically half the adult population. Health literacy has to be a family decision—kids aren’t buying the groceries.”

Pollock, who is a faculty member in the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, hopes to teach kids those fundamental principles of health as they are tied to basic science literacy. The half-hour show is geared toward late elementary and middle school students and works in an interdisciplinary fashion on three levels: first, the show teaches basic science principles; second, it ties those basic principles to health; and third, the show addresses social issues pertinent to kids.

Take the pilot, for example. Leah, the show’s main character, is an athletic 12-year-old girl whose best friend breaks her arm at soccer practice because she was pushed by a group of mean girls. Leah springs into action, going to the library, doctors’ offices and museums to learn about bones. With her little brother in tow, Leah learns about bones, how they heal, and how nutrition and exercise affect bone strength and repair. The show also addresses bullying in a constructive way and offers kids...
Cast and crew shoot at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh. The show is set and filmed entirely in Pittsburgh.

Lili Reinhart and Habiba Hopson, daughter of Dr. Rodney Hopson, Hillman Distinguished Professor of Education at Duquesne, pose for a publicity shot on set near lockers in the show’s school.

“The health literacy has to be a family decision—kids aren’t buying the groceries.”

Pollock worked with local and national partners to make the dream a reality. The show is set in Pittsburgh and involves the local community in a variety of ways. Pollock pushes local libraries as an invaluable source of information. As such, Leah uses Pittsburgh-area libraries as her home base. She learns information relevant to the episode’s topic, and then launches out into the community to interview scientists, museum curators and others. Pollock uses real doctors and scientists from the Pittsburgh area in his show as information storehouses and as entertainment for the kids—in some episodes, the doctors sing and dance right alongside the actors.

“We wanted kids to ask questions of real adults. There’s such a great base of health-related resources in Pittsburgh, which is one of the reasons we decided to set the show here. In the pilot, Leah goes around and learns about health and science from orthopedic surgeons, pediatricians, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine and the National Aviary.”

Pollock and his Partnership in Education team at Duquesne along with his production partner, Planet Earth Television, have already developed a list of over 100 topics for future shows, including diabetes, the flu and the immune system. Each show ties its particular topic to general science and health literacy. The show also provides online resources for kids and their families at www.scientastictv.com. On the site, kids can explore the basics and fundamentals of science, while parents and teachers can access teaching aids and lesson plans developed by students in Duquesne University’s School of Education.

Pollock’s latest project was funded from a number of sources, including UPMC Health Plan, National Center for Research Resources of the National Institutes of Health, The Pittsburgh Foundation and congressional-directed funding from the U.S. Department of Education.

Once the pilot airs, Pollock hopes the show will be picked up nationally by PBS. For more information on the show, visit www.scientastictv.com.

Kids health literacy

Kids are the future, kids are the future. That’s why health literacy has to be a family decision—kids aren’t buying the groceries.
2010 Football Schedule Released

A total of six home games, including back-to-back season opening non-conference games against Bucknell and Dayton highlight the 2010 Duquesne football schedule.

In all, the Dukes, who return 17 starters from last year’s 3-8 team, play six games at home and five on the road as they begin their third season as members of the Northeast Conference.

The six home games are the most since 2002.

The Dukes, who are in their sixth season under head coach Jerry Schmitt, open under the lights at Rooney Field against Patriot League foe Bucknell on Sept. 4. The following weekend, Duquesne welcomes the Pioneer League’s Dayton Flyers to Pittsburgh.

DU hits the road for the first time when it travels to Newark, Del., to face traditional Football Championship Subdivision power Delaware on Sept. 18. The Blue Hens, who competed in the FCS national championship game as recently as 2007, return 26 players with starting experience from a team that went 6-5 against the toughest schedule in the nation last season. It will be the first meeting between the Dukes and the Colonial Athletic Association Blue Hens.

The Dukes open NEC play with home games against four-time conference champion Albany on Sept. 25 followed by a Homecoming clash with Monmouth on Oct. 2.

DU’s first conference road game is at defending NEC champion Central Connecticut State on Oct. 9.

The following weekend, the Dukes return home to face Sacred Heart before finishing the regular season with three of four on the road: Oct. 23 at Wagner, Oct. 30 at Robert Morris, Nov. 13 at home vs. Saint Francis, Pa., and Nov. 20 at Bryant. For ticket information regarding the 2010 season, fans are encouraged to call 412.232.DUKE (3853).

### 2010 Duquesne Football

Game times listed are subject to change. Please visit GoDuquesne.com for the most up-to-date information.

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Men's and Women's Basketball Advance to Postseason Play

For the second consecutive season, both the men’s and women’s basketball programs advanced to postseason play, with the men earning a bid to the College Basketball Invitational and the women playing in the Women’s National Invitation Tournament. It marked the first time since 1980 and 1981 (both NIT) that the men’s team—which played in last year’s National Invitation Tournament—advanced to postseason play in back-to-back seasons. The women, who made the first WNIT appearance in school history in 2008-09 have now made it two in a row.

The men’s team, in its fourth season under head coach Ron Everhart, finished with 16 wins, marking the first time since 1968-73 that a Duquesne team has won 15 or more games in three consecutive seasons. Forward Damian Saunders led the way for the Dukes as just the second junior in school history to earn first team all-conference honors. He was also the first DU player to be named Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year. Saunders, who finished the season ranked second nationally in steals per game (2.8 spg.), broke his own school record with 89 steals on the season. Saunders was also the 12th Duquesne player in school history to be named First Team NABC All-District joining former teammate Aaron Jackson who was named last year.

Suzie McConnell-Serio’s women’s team finished at 20-12 and tied for fourth in the Atlantic 10 for the second consecutive season. The Dukes posted their first win over a ranked team since 1994, when they defeated No. 19 (AP) Pitt 72-63 at Petersen Events Center in late December. DU’s 11 road wins tied for the seventh-most in the nation.

Junior Samantha Pollino was named second team All-Atlantic 10. Pollino, and Jason Duty on the men’s team, both earned academic all-conference honors.

Choice Seats

The A.J. Palumbo Center will have a new look this fall with the addition of chairback seating on the north side of the arena and the installation of a custom designed center-hung Daktronics video board and four lower level corner scoreboards.

The new chairbacks will replace bleachers that were part of the original construction of the building in 1988. In addition, existing chairbacks on the south side of the court, opposite the team benches, are being replaced, leaving the end zones as the only bleacher seating in the facility.

As part of the face-lift, premium seating will be offered in the two lower bowl center sections on both sides of the court. Men’s basketball season ticket holders will be contacted by the Dukes ticket office and informed about new seating options.

“The work being done at the Palumbo Center further reflects the institutional commitment that has been made as we continue to move our athletics programs forward,” says Director of Athletics Greg Amodio. “The new seating will greatly enhance the fan experience at basketball games and volleyball matches, and the addition of premium seating will offer an amenity that was not available in the past.”

The new seating configuration will alter the capacity of the Palumbo Center, which was listed at 5,358 last season. The new number will not be known until construction is completed in August.
A new 32,000-square-foot three-story addition to the University’s library opened in November 1961. The library, according to President Henry McAnulty’s own report, had “reached the critical point.” The much needed addition to the library was viewed as a temporary measure, yet it served the University for 16 years.

The new addition was an ultra-modern structure of light gray brick that did not contrast well with the red brick of the original 1939 building, but the space it provided was crucial. The library, growing by 7,500 books annually, practically exploded into the extra space with its collection of 136,158 books.

The new facility had room for 250,000 books, a statistic head librarian Eleanor McCann and her staff seemed determined to test. They began acquiring new titles at a rate of 15,500 per year and subscribed to nearly 2,000 periodicals. A jewel in these holdings was the Rabbi Herman Hailperin Collection, a gift from Pittsburgh’s Jewish community. It held 2,600 books on biblical interpretation, including six printed before 1550 and some volumes that were the only known copies in existence. This collection still resides in Duquesne’s library today.

The Eleanor McCann Collection of Modern American Literature was established in her honor in 1999. She was especially well read in the area of American studies. One of her many significant contributions was founding the University Archives. She retired in 1969, after 24 years of service to Duquesne as University librarian.

– Excerpted from The Spirit That Gives Life by Dr. Joseph F. Rishel, Professor of History, and Bibliotech (October 1999 issue) –
Duquesne Students Trace Historic Hoof Prints of Pony Express

The romance of the Pony Express, which marks its 150th anniversary this year, and the wide-open spaces of the West has been captured in a new documentary produced by students in Duquesne's Journalism and Multimedia Arts (JMA) program. The 70-minute film premiered on campus on March 15.

A crew of 10 Duquesne students, faculty and alumni followed in the hoof prints of Pony Express riders, who provided a speedy—and dangerous—way to move mail across the country from April 1860 to October 1861. The record Pony Express time from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Calif., 7 days and 17 hours, provides the title for the documentary.

“We decided to take our modern horses and pace ourselves with that time,” says James Vota, the JMA instructor who facilitated the project.

The students and the schools they attend are selective, says Dr. Joseph Yenerall, director of the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy and coordinator of the Muskie Fellows program at Duquesne. Only 5 percent of the applicants are picked as scholars, scoring highly on tests, interviews and personal statements. Those selected then attend a U.S. university, based upon their academic focus and areas of specialization.

Duquesne has participated in the program since 1997 and has had 16 Muskie Fellows earn graduate degrees. The U.S. Congress established the Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program in 1992 to encourage economic and democratic growth in the 12 countries of the former Soviet Union. In addition to their academic course work, all Muskie fellows perform community service and complete summer internships.

Typically, students selected as Muskie Fellows learn policy analysis in public administration from the American perspective, then return to their homelands and work for their governments, improving the quality of life in their countries.

Cornel West Addresses OMA Unity Banquet

Dr. Cornel West, the Class of 1943 University Professor in the Center for African American Studies at Princeton University, delivered the keynote address to a sold-out crowd at the fourth annual Unity Banquet and Scholarship Benefit on April 16.

More than 300 people heard West present Bridging the Gaps: The Importance of Courageous Leadership in Duquesne’s Power Center Ballroom. An additional 100 watched a simulcast of West’s remarks in the Bayer Learning Center on campus. During his remarks, West, who is described as a champion for racial justice, focused on ways to bridge gaps between different groups of people—with a special emphasis on race, class and generational challenges.

Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), the Unity Banquet and Scholarship Benefit was established to build a sense of community on campus and to recognize a select group of students for their academic achievements and leadership skills, particularly in initiatives that promote unity.
Alumni Updates

Alumni Spotlight

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Spencer G. Markle, B’78, principal of The Markle Law Firm in Houston, has been named a Texas Super Lawyer for 2009. This is the 7th straight year he has received this honor. He is board certified in personal injury trial law and civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, board certified in civil trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and is an advocate level member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

John Konsin, B’79, was recently named president and chief executive officer of RS Medical (Vancouver, Wash.), a provider of physician-prescribed pain management and rehabilitation products and services. He has worked for 30 years in medical devices, diagnostic imaging and equipment. He has been responsible for or played a key role in the development and introduction of approximately 500 new medical products.

1980s

Joseph S. Bielecki, A’80, GA’82, JD’85, was recently elected president of Sokol USA, a large fraternal life insurance society.

Paul J. Gitnik, A’81, JD’85, of Paul J. Gitnik & Associates, LLC, will serve as the chair of the 56th Annual Diamond Horseshoe Ball, which will open the Pittsburgh Opera 2010-2011 season. He was also recently elected to the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens board of trustees. The firm is located in the South Park area of Pittsburgh and the primary practice areas are estate planning and administration, business, municipal, nonprofit, real estate and tax law.

Stuart M. Schabes, B’81, a principal in the business & tax group of the firm Ober/Kaler, was elected to the board of directors of The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore. The Associated “works to preserve and enhance Jewish life by addressing charitable, educational, religious, humanitarian, health, cultural and social needs of the Jewish community locally, nationally, in Israel and throughout the world.” He serves on the board of the Jewish Community Center and is active in the American and Maryland state bar associations, the National Air Transportation Association and the National Business Aircraft Association. He was also selected for the Maryland Super Lawyers 2010 issue, published in January, in the business/corporate category.

James W. Saxton, JD’82, chair of Stevens & Lee’s health care litigation group and co-chair of the health care department, was a presenter at the Tenth Annual Minimally Invasive Surgery Symposium (MISS) in San Diego in February, where he spoke about the clinical dilemmas and potential legal consequences associated with bariatric surgery. He “outlined a risk continuum the bariatric care team must take into account in patient care, which begins with the surgical procedure and can possibly end in a lawsuit” and discussed “strategies to minimize risks and liabilities at each stage along this continuum.” He presented Managing Surgical and Professional Liability Risk in 2010 and Beyond in the Cleveland Clinic’s Innovations in Surgery, a videoconference broadcast internationally on Dec. 4, 2009. Topics included how to achieve a “five-star” culture and the “five-star” principles which “are a series of customer service and operational guidelines designed to develop patient and employee satisfaction and a culture of service excellence, and to reduce liability exposure through education, training, communication and documentation.” He has co-authored with Todd Bartos a chapter, “Professional Liability: A Primer on Malpractice Insurance and Risk Management” for Representing Physicians Handbook, published by the American Health Lawyers Association.

David W. Brown, A’84, founder of BrownPartners (one of Pennsylvania’s largest African-American owned advertising and public relations firms), has joined WURD Radio, LLC, and will serve as executive vice president and general manager of 900AM-WURD, WURD Speaks (the station’s quarterly symposium series) and 900AM-WURD.com. He will maintain his position as owner of the firm, BrownPartners, “and serve as chairman in providing strategic direction and counsel for the agency.”

Cynthia L. James, LPA’05, recently received the New Pittsburgh Courier’s Fab 40, an award given to the top 40 young professionals in the Pittsburgh area making a difference in the community and through their work.

Since 2006, James has worked with the Coro Center for Civic Leadership, where she was promoted to operate a new partnership opportunity with Public Allies, Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps to build young leaders.

James devotes more than 200 hours a year to volunteer work. She is a member and vice president of the board of directors of Umoja African Arts Company, and she has served on the Community Human Services Sleep-In for the Homeless planning committee for two years and served as the volunteer chair in 2009. James founded and choreographed an inner-city step team and has mentored high school students. In her 10 years with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., James served as the Pennsylvania state executive board secretary and the Pittsburgh executive board secretary.

Barbara M. Carlin, Esq., L’82, was recently a recipient of Duquesne’s Mind, Heart and Spirit Award. A photo in the Winter 2010 issue identified as Barbara Carlin actually showed Carol L. Hesz, Esq., L’90, accepting the award on behalf of Ms. Carlin.
Marie Milie Jones, A’85, JD’87, chair of the Board of Directors of Duquesne University and a partner with Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek & Eck, PLLC, is the recipient of the 2010 Susan B. Anthony Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed by the Women’s Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania. The award is presented annually to an individual “who most exemplifies the goals of the Women’s Bar Association by demonstrating dedication to encouraging and promoting women in the law and maintaining the highest standards for the legal profession.” She is a defense trial attorney who represents companies in employment matters and other clients in commercial disputes and has achieved prominence in her representation of counties and local governments sued by those who allege police abuse, excessive force and other violations of constitutional rights.

Dr. Ron Corey, P’86, has been promoted to vice president, clinical and project management, at Asubio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. He will assume “expanded responsibility for managing the project management and clinical trial management groups, as well as QA/QC and document management for Asubio.” He will work closely with colleagues in Asubio’s Japan headquarters and clinical project teams in the U.S. He has an adjunct appointment at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia and is executive director and CFO of the Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute.

Francis Feld, N’93, was deployed to Haiti by the Department of Health and Human Services as a member of PA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team. He was stationed at the Gheskio Field Hospital in Port-au-Prince and administered anesthesia for surgical procedures for nine days. The average caseload was six per day, including amputations, fracture stabilization, gunshot and stabbing wounds, and one emergency C-section. He is a certified registered nurse anesthetist at UPMC Mercy Hospital.

Rochelle Pristera, E’95, an elementary teacher at Wilkins Elementary, has achieved national board certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. National board-certified teachers have “successfully demonstrated advanced teaching knowledge, skills and practices.”

James W. Creenan, JD’96, has formed Creenan Law Offices in Murrysville, Pa. He focuses his practice on construction and insurance litigation, as well as estates and trusts matters. He can be contacted at jcreenan@creenanlawoffices.com.

Jeff Wertz, JD’96, was admitted to The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in London. The Inner Temple is one of the four Inns of Court, “which hold the exclusive rights to call candidates to practice law at the bar of England and Wales.” He is a civil and criminal trial attorney based in Aspen, Colo.

When the Somerset County Flag Committee in Pennsylvania, formed in 1993, started to lose active membership and had to abandon its American flag plaza near the Pennsylvania Turnpike, four alumni came together by chance to help save the organization: Ronald Horner, GM’88; Jay Canson, B’67; Suzanne Canson, E’69, GE’72; and Michael Kuhn, L’90. In June 2009, on Flag Day, the flag was raised again and the flagpole was dedicated to the Flight 93 heroes.

1990s


The book records the odyssey of Salerni and his wife, Marti, in Italy. They were there while Salerni was on sabbatical from his teaching job at Butler University. His sabbatical, spent at the University of Pisa teaching medicinal chemistry and writing papers for his Pisa colleagues, intended to be a tribute to his hardworking Italian immigrant parents but became more of a pilgrimage to the motherland.

After completing graduate studies at the University of Illinois-Chicago, Salerni was senior organic chemist at Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City, Mo. He then spent 36 years on the faculty at the Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Currently, he is retired and living with his wife in Bradenton, Fla. For more information on Salerni and his book, visit www.theyoungestson.com.
Duquesnefest
Sunday, June 13, 2010

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Duquesnefest is an exciting and informative experience for both current high school seniors and for their parent/s. You can meet with representatives from the offices of Admissions and Financial Aid, as well as from other academic, administrative and student life departments. You might even get to meet and chat with former classmates.

Come and Rediscover Duquesne University!

Register online and view the day’s itinerary at www.duq.edu/admissions.

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2000s

Mindy (Martino) Furda, A’01, GE’02, and Kristopher Furda, HS’02, are the parents of Anthony David (2008) and Mia Josephina (2009).

Anthony C. Sunseri, JD’01, has been promoted to member of the firm Burns, White & Hickton, LLC, in the Wheeling office. As part of the insurance defense division, his practice involves litigation in the areas of insurance law, personal injury, professional malpractice, insurance bad faith and commercial matters. He has appellate experience before both state and federal courts.

Dr. Joseph D. Barton, HS’01, GHS’03, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 2007. He then completed a 3-year residency in emergency medicine at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento in 2010. He has accepted a one-year fellowship position in the Department of Emergency Medicine at UC Davis Medical Center in the fields of medical simulation and medical education, in preparation for a career in academic medicine. He and his wife, Nicole Daamen, MD, reside in Vacaville, Calif.

Jason Tatrai, E’03, a sixth grade science teacher at West Mifflin Area Middle School, has been selected as Teacher of the Year by the Mon Yough Area Council of PTA/PTSA. He was selected from a field of 10 nominees.

Jade Leung, S’05, E’05, GE’06, is a recipient of the 2010 Carnegie Science Honorable Mention: High School Educator, which “recognizes educators for innovation in inspiring high school level students to understand, appreciate and apply science, and for the extent that these innovations are disseminated.” She is a physics and biology teacher at Shaler Area High School. She is also a member of the Pittsburgh Tissue Engineering Initiative, where she “shares tissue engineering materials and findings with students to engage their curiosities.”

Stephanie Solomon, A’05, JD’08, is an associate in the litigation group of the Pittsburgh office of Burns, White & Hickton, LLC, “specifically defending professional malpractice and commercial cases.” She has participated in the Nike Women’s Marathon, for which she raised funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and volunteers in the firm’s Beginning with Books reading program in the Pittsburgh schools.

Alice Sande Spataro, B’05, MBA’07, marketing director and a member of the accounting and auditing team at Horovitz, Rudoy & Roteman LLC, has been selected to the board of trustees for the Bethel Park Public Library. She has done several years of volunteer work for libraries, including teaching Spanish at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library.

Nichole Humes, JD’06, has joined Burns, White & Hickton, LLC, in the litigation group’s insurance defense team in its Pittsburgh office. Previously she was a litigator for a Chicago firm where she represented municipal, construction and transportation clients.

Kimberly A. Zylinski, A’06, GE’09, is the author of the recently published novel, Rules of Vegas. She is a former Duquesne employee and her Web site is www.kimberlyzylinski.com.

Scott Rogerson, B’07, has joined The Hill Group, Inc., as a business analyst. He specializes in data security, management and compliance, as well as the development of custom applications for data collection and analysis. He is an active member of the Pittsburgh technology community and serves on the Duquesne University Information Systems Management Advisory Board. He
leads seminars for local business leaders on information systems and regulatory compliance, and is a certified information systems auditor and a certified associate in project management.

**Allison Jockel, A'09**, a marketing and events planning professional at WHIM night club in Pittsburgh, has been chosen as a candidate for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) 2010 Woman of the Year. As a candidate, she will raise funds for cancer research and patient services. She has been involved with LLS since she was 14 years old.

**Christopher G. Murrer, JD’09**, in the estates & trusts practice group of Hodgson Russ (Buffalo office), has been admitted to the New York State Bar. He concentrates his practice in estates and trusts law, including estate planning, and drafting wills and trusts.

**New Arrivals**

Emily Jane, daughter of **Maria (McCurry) Lusk**, B’96, and **Keith Lusk**, MBA’06.

Brendan Ryan, son of **Kelley (Redmond) Will**, B’97, and **Ryan Will**.


Jack Michael, son of **Angela (Kurtz) Denham**, E’99, and **Mike Denham**.

Chase Michael, son of **Rebecca (Seitzinger) Rinker**, HS’00, and **Jaison Rinker**.

Brooke Elizabeth, daughter of **Bethany (Fedutes) Henderson**, Pharm.D.’01, and **Matthew Henderson**.

Ian Matthew, son of **Lisa (Groen) Mager**, HS’01, and **Matthew Mager**.

Sophia Marleane, daughter of **Allison (Smiller) Rozycki**, GE’01, and **Robert Rozycki**.

**In Memoriam**

**Patricia L. Stoehr**

**Art Taylor**, B’43

**Mary Evanick Assmann**, S’45

**Barbara Ann Soltész**, N’62, GS’66

**Thomas J. Chasler**, A’69

**Donna (Trojanowski) Froelich**, A’70

**Mark V. Cromie**, A’77, GA’79

**Joseph M. Olifierko**, P’78

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Marriages

**Margaret Grejda Smith**, B’76, married **Raymond Brian Isadore**, N’74.

**Sara Wilson**, A’95, married **John Perez**.

**Lori Campbell**, GA’98, Ph.D.’02, married **Charles Tanner**.

**Crystal Karlo**, N’01, married **Douglas Young**.

**Jessica Adams**, A’03, GE’09, married **Matthew Meyers**, B’03, JD’06.

**Amanda C. Chuk**, Pharm.D.’04, married **Dr. Scott D. Phillips**.

**Todd A. Fortney**, Pharm.D.’05, married **Melody J. English**.

**Michelle L. Rosky**, GE’05, married **Douglas DeForrest**.

**Briana Bailey**, M’07, married **Joshua Gresko**.

**Patricia E. Giese**, Pharm.D.’09, married **Brian K. Kowalsky**, A’06.

Gabriella Sofia and Mariella Kristine, daughters of **Caralynn (Fejka) Kassabov**, A’02, and **Krassimir Kassabov**, B’04.

Aubrey Elizabeth, daughter of **Shannon (Zubek) Walyiko**, Pharm.D.’03, and **Bo Walyiko**.

Carter, son of **John Korch**, Pharm.D.’02, and **Julie Korch**.

William Shirey, son of **Jessica Shirey**, B’03, MBA’05, GA’05, and **Arvind Vasudevan**.

Isabella Rose, daughter of **Todd A. Fortney**, Pharm.D.’05, and **Melody J. English**.
HOMECOMING
Schedule of Events


Friday, October 1, 2010
Pep Rally sponsored by Student Life
Rooney Field

Wine & Cheese Reception
Power Center Ballroom

The Red Ring
The Red Ring Restaurant

Saturday, October 2, 2010
School of Education Breakfast
Gumberg Library

Resident Advisors Reunion Breakfast
Sean Hogan Student Dining Center

Pharmacy Program
Mellon Hall

School of Nursing Breakfast
Duquesne Room-Union

Law School Breakfast & Continuing Legal Education Class
Law School

Greek Alumni Council Meeting
Student Union

Finding Health Information on the Internet
Gumberg Library

Common Ground Coffee House and Legacy Breakfast
Mellon Hall Lobby

Rangos School of Health Sciences Program and Luncheon
Room 613 Union

Alpha Phi Omicron/Zeta Tau Alpha Luncheon
City View

AutumnFest
College Hall Lawn

Beef & Beer Pre-Game
Mellon Patio

FOOTBALL: Duquesne Dukes vs. Monmouth
Rooney Field

Continuous Campus Shuttle Service
Campus Wide

CARNIVAL!
A.J. Palumbo Center

Student Leader/10 Year Reunion Dinner
Duquesne Room

Mass
University Chapel, 5:30 p.m.

All Alumni Dinner/Dance Honoring the 3rd Alternative & Class of 1960
Union Ballroom

School of Music Concert & Reception
PNC Recital Hall/McCloskey Field

Sunday, October 3, 2010
3K Run Honoring the 3rd Alternative
On the Bluff

Class of 1960 - Mass & Presentation of the Class Pin and Alumni Ring Blessing
University Chapel

Class of 1960 Brunch
Power Center Ballroom

Duquesne University will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of the building of Old Main/Administration Building during Homecoming Weekend 2010. Check www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu for information about a special Mass in the Chapel, a photo exhibit and other corresponding events.
In 2007, the Wojeski family determined that the most effective way to utilize their parents’ bequest was to create an endowed fund that would provide faculty development grants. The Wojeski Endowed Accounting Department Faculty Development Fund supports research efforts and increases scholarly output among faculty of this particular discipline, thus raising the Business Schools’ recognition for offering “destination-quality” programs.

When the creation of this fund was first reported in the pages of this magazine in September 2007, the fund had yet to begin issuing grants and its true impact was unknown. Since then, the inaugural recipient, Brian Nagle, Ph.D., has been selected and has begun to live the legacy of research and scholarship that the Wojeski family sought to preserve in perpetuity.

Nagle, an associate professor of accounting in the A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration, joined the faculty in August 1993. A prolific author, Nagle’s research interests include auditor cognition, going-concern decisions (which involve an auditor’s assessment of a client’s continued viability), and the impact of Sarbanes-Oxley. Nagle’s work has been published in a myriad of journals such as Accounting Enquiries, Journal of Accounting and Finance Research and the European Journal of Operational Research.

Asked to reflect on the impact of the Wojeski fund, Nagle responded:

“The Wojeski Research Grant accelerated the progress of my research project by providing me with financial support that allowed me to forego teaching a class during the summer term. Instead, the grant enabled me to focus strictly on my studies involving opportunistic judgment tendencies and principles and rules-based accounting standards.

“The topic of my research is timely given the heightened profile of IFRS (the International Financial Reporting Standards) in the accounting profession. Paper(s) that will result from this project will be submitted to journals sooner than they would have had I not received the grant, increasing the chances that the findings will impact the accounting discipline.

“Data collection has been completed and the paper has been presented at a national conference. I am expecting to have a paper submitted to a peer-reviewed journal by this summer. This timeline would have been significantly delayed had I not benefited from the Wojeski Research Grant.”

Nagle continues teaching, researching and producing scholarship, with all of his efforts enhanced by the Wojeski endowment fund.

If you have made provisions for Duquesne in your estate plans but have not yet informed the University, or if you wish to become a member of the Father McAnulty Society by creating a plan that includes Duquesne University, please contact Carrie Matesevac Collins at 412.396.4272 or collinscm@duq.edu.
Alumni Calendar

May 20, 2010
Duquesne Night at the Spy Museum with General Michael Hayden
5:30-8 p.m., Washington, D.C. For registration or details go to www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu or call 1.800.456.8338.

May 21, 2010
“The Northern Rhone Wines” Alumni Wine Tasting with Fr. John Sawicki, C.S.Sp.
7 p.m., Power Center Ballroom, Duquesne University. For registration or details go to www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu or call 1.800.456.8338.

June 4, 2010
Forensic Fridays: Behavioral Science Evidence in Divorce and Custody Cases
Room 204, Duquesne University School of Law. Featuring Allegheny County Common Pleas Court Family Division Judge David Wecht, forensic psychologist Dr. William Fisher and matrimonial attorney Candace Komar. For information or registration, go to www.duq.edu/forensics/forensic-fridays/pricing.cfm or call 412.396.1330.

June 17, 2010
Duquesne Athletic Fund Cook-Out
6-9 p.m., Scott Township Park (off Lindsay Road, Carnegie, Pa. 15106). Call 412.396.4662 or visit www.goduquesne.com/dae to register online.

June 21, 2010
16th Annual Rangos School of Health Sciences Golf Invitational
Registration and lunch beginning at 11 a.m.; shotgun start at noon; reception at 5:30 p.m.; awards banquet at 6 p.m. Diamond Run Golf Club. For more information, contact Deb Durica at 412.396.5551 or e-mail durica@duq.edu.

June 28, 2010
Palumbo/Donahue School of Business Golf Outing
Scramble format shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.; dinner, prizes, etc. at 6 p.m. Southpointe Golf Club. For more information and registration contact Mary Lou Grasser: grasser@duq.edu, 412.396.5701 or www.bus.duq.edu.

July 27, 2010
Summertime Rock Concert
Duquesne University Campus. Go to www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu or call 1.800.456.8338 for more information.

July 28, 2010
Summertime Jazz Concert
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Aug. 7, 2010
Duquesne Alumni Night at the Pirates Game (complete with fireworks and concert!)
5:30 p.m., pre-game reception; 7:05 p.m., game. PNC Park. Go to www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu or call 1.800.456.8338 for more information.

Sept. 23-24, 2010
For more information, please visit www.duq.edu/social-justice/index.cfm.

Oct. 1, 2, 3, 2010
Homecoming/ Carnival/ 50th Year Reunion
Go to www.MyDuquesne.duq.edu or call 1.800.456.8338 for more information.

Oct. 7, 2010
Law School Fall Reception
5:30-8 p.m., LeMont Restaurant, Pittsburgh. Please RSVP to Jeanine DeBor at 412.396.5215 or deborj@duq.edu.

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