Duquesne Scholarship Keeps New Zealand Family Together

College Freshman Stays in Pittsburgh, Where Sister Awaits Transplant

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

A scholarship from Duquesne University is keeping a New Zealand family—including a college-bound daughter and her younger sister, who is awaiting a multiple organ transplant—in intact in Pittsburgh.

Wayne and Jodee Reid moved their family more than 8,500 miles from Napier, N.Z., to Pittsburgh 2 ½ years ago. At birth, their younger daughter, Matisse, now 8, had been diagnosed with chronic intestinal pseudo obstruction, and she has been on the waiting list for a multiple organ transplant, including stomach and intestines.

“We knew from the time Matisse was born that her chances would rely on the transplant, but back then, it was in its infancy,” said Jodee. “Very few centers worldwide do intestinal transplants. We wanted the best team to be transplanting her, and we truly believe we’ve come to this city for our other children as well.”

The other children are, Fraanz, 4; Kalani, 11; and Rachel, 17, who graduated from Pine-Richland High School in June. At graduation, she faced more than typical senior trepidation about college. Because of immigration laws, neither parent is able to work in the U.S. As a New Zealand citizen, Rachel is considered an international student in the U.S., and ineligible for student loans, but as a graduate of a U.S. school, New Zealand schools also consider her an international student.

“She was like a woman without a country; it was very unfortunate,” said Craig Tumas, a 2001 Duquesne business administration graduate who befriended the Reids through the Downtown Pittsburgh Rotary when they first landed in Pittsburgh.

Undaunted, Rachel had started her college search, hoping to be able to stay with her family.

“She was very, very lucky, very fortunate,” Tumas said. “If she was going to stay here in the USA and study, she really wanted to go to Duquesne.”

Tumas helped other Rotarians to funnel donations to the Reids, allowing them to become established in Richland Township, with contributions ranging from a house and car to a toaster and linens. In June, Tumas shared the family’s plight with the Rev. Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., executive vice president for student life at Duquesne. The Reids, Tumas and Hogan discussed the situation over dinner. Rachel had been accepted at Duquesne, but had no means to pay for schooling.

“I know Father has a soft spot in his heart for hard cases in life,” Tumas said. “The Reids can’t work while they’re here, so they have to depend on the generosity of Pittsburghers, and Father has that vein running through him.”

Ultimately, Rachel received a full tuition scholarship for the next four years. When the Reids heard the news, they were in tears, Tumas said.

“There is a need,” Hogan said simply. “She needs to finish her education. I felt that, from the Spiritan values (of caring for the underserved) we should try, and I got tremendous cooperation from the director of admissions.”

The family is quick to acknowledge its blessings.

“Rachel was very, very lucky, very fortunate. She realizes this is an incredible opportunity,” Jodee said, explaining that Rachel still needs to work on campus to help pay the cost of her room, board and expenses while she studies for a communication and/or business major.

Once again, the Reids are undaunted.

“We look at everything positively,” Jodee said. “We’re not ones to focus on the negative.”

Rachel, who thought she had flown to Napier this summer to move away from her family and attend school, has moved into St. Ann’s Hall to realize her college dream.

Rachel Reid is pleased to be at Duquesne’s matriculation ceremony.
The Musical Hand: Exploring Upper Limb Health for Musicians

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Music generally has been heralded as invigorating and emotional experiences for the listeners as well as players. But for the musician, artistic expression also can extract a health toll. The rigorous of playing music will lead more than 60 percent of all musicians to experience upper limb injuries, according to James Houlik, professor in the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University—giving musicians a commonality with office workers, checkout clerks and the 15 million people who repeat small hand movements that can cause Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI).

“Musicians are small muscle athletes. When you combine that fact with the reality that we are also subject to a great deal of tension, you have a propensity for risk of RSI,” said Houlik. “It interrupts careers, and it’s brutal psychologically.”

A saxophone player for 54 years, Houlik reports no RSI issues himself, but has increasing concerns about the students he is teaching and the practices he has espoused. “I’ve written scores of pages of exercises, and it occurred to me that maybe I’ve been writing a prescription for injuries.”

To ascertain if his exercises were medically correct, Houlik studied at Wake Forest University with Dr. Robert Markison, a hand surgeon, and invested time in watching surgeries and discussing RSI.

“It became clear to me that education should be making some kind of an effort to interrupt this tradition of injury,” Houlik said.

To contribute to the long-term health of its students and the musical community, the Duquesne music school organized two sessions on Sept. 14 and Sept. 16 featuring nationally recognized specialists in the field. Markison, who also is a professor at the University of California San Francisco, addressed, by live video feed, Comprehensive Care of Musical Hands. Genetics play a part in susceptibility to RSI, but Markison also offered advice to help combat the disorder, including wearing fingerless gloves and intentionally over-hydrating with water, juice and herbal tea to keep microcirculation open to the fingertips.

Dr. Lea Pearson, a specialist in body mapping and injury prevention from Columbus, Ohio, explored Tips of the Iceberg: How Whole Body Use Affects Hand Functions.

Dr. Gregory Marchetti of Duquesne’s physical therapy department discussed The Role of Physical Therapy in Musicians’ Health. Marchetti, a licensed physical therapist since 1983, has presented nationally and internationally on topics including playing-related disorders in performance musicians.

Liu Receives National Honor

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

Professor Frank Y. Liu, director of Duquesne’s Center for Legal Information as well as the Allegheny County Law Library, has been named one of two American co-chairs of a joint executive board for the newly created Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (CAPALL), which will plan and carry out future conferences and exchanges between the two nations’ legal information and law library professionals.

Liu initiated, organized and co-chaired a conference that brought together, for the first time, Chinese and American law libraries and major universities to discuss fundamental issues in both countries at the unprecedented China–United States Conference on Legal Information and Law Libraries in Beijing in May.

This conference was attended by 146 Chinese registrants who represented 25 law libraries and legal institutions. The U.S. and other countries were represented by 58 registrants representing 41 law libraries and institutions. Among the attendees from Duquesne’s Center for Legal Information were Dittakavi Rao, associate director; Thekay Bera, assistant director for public services; and Milan Komijenovic, manager of information technology.

Eight American and Chinese publishers sponsored the conference or were involved in exhibits in the conference hall.

Historic documents were signed to create CAFL and to continue planning conferences and exchanges between the two nations’ legal information and law library professionals.

“Early on, I thought that having a conference between these two countries would be a good thing to share their expertise and interests through the years,” Liu said. “This conference, from the Chinese perspective, was the first dealing with national legal information and its relationship with higher education, and had more than 200 attending. America is a country based on rule of law, so its law libraries and legal information systems are critical and extremely well developed.”

MBA Sustainability More Than Doubles Enrollment

By Karen Ferrick-Roman

In merely three years since its launch, enrollment has more than doubled in the Master’s of Business Administration–Sustainability (SMBA) program at Duquesne University. The program, which infuses financial, social and environmental responsibility into the hard-skills classes of more typical MBA degrees, has 35 students enrolled for the yearlong course starting later this month. Students are drawn from local and international locales, including China, France and Korea, said Dr. Kenneth A. Saban, who was named director of the award-winning program in July.

The SMBA program, which incorporates best practices from the financial, human and environmental areas, positions students to lead for the future.

“Profitability, of course, remains a key component; if a company cannot sustain itself in a real-world marketplace, its tactics will have little impact,” said Saban, an associate professor of marketing at Duquesne since 1998. “But incorporating solid ways of handling people and forming environmental strategies to resolve issues that challenge companies operating in today’s complex global economy are also critical.”

As director, Saban brings deep experience in supply chain management, technology and world-wide collaboration to the program. Over the last four years, Saban has generated more than $1.2 million in federal research grants from the departments of commerce, defense and justice.

Duquesne’s SMBA program incorporates an overseas experience for students into its curriculum. Faculty and students have exchanged knowledge with academic peers and corporate and government operations in India, Japan, China, Germany and Brazil, among other locations. Students participate in three semester-long projects with nonprofits and for-profit organizations.

These experiences working with international students, business leaders and government organizations have proven invaluable, according to 2008 SMBA alumna Holly Gioia, who is a sustainability consultant in upstate New York. “My experiences in the SMBA program taught me how to be sensitive and learn from other cultures. It taught me to be adaptable, to learn how to market to my audience, and to pay attention to detail.”
Maple Grove Trailer Park Residents Ordered Out By New Owner
On Aug. 17, the Tribune-Review reported quoted Law Professor Kenneth Hirsch about the state’s Mobile Home Park Rights Act and an owner’s mandate for residents in Maple Grove trailer park to move.

Newsmaker: Cheryl Knoch
On Aug. 16, the Tribune-Review announced that Cheryl Knoch returned to Duquesne as its new director of student life, where she will be responsible for overseeing the operations of the Duquesne Union, managing programs at the university, and approving official student groups.

G-20 Summit Protesters Expected To Seek Camping Permission
On Aug. 16, the Tribune-Review quoted Duquesne Political Science Professor Clifford Bob, an author of several books on protest movements, on anticipated protests at the Pittsburgh summit.

Top ‘Military Friendly’ Colleges
The Tribune-Review reported on Aug. 24 that Duquesne University was honored as one of the 20 area colleges and universities recognized as military-friendly schools by G.I. Jobs, a veteran-owned publication. The publication honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that do the most to help America’s veterans as students. Schools on the list offer additional benefits to student veterans. The publication polled more than 7,000 schools nationwide to compile its list. Similar articles appeared on PR Newswire, Western Michigan University News, MediaNewswire, Plainview (NY) Daily Herald, Media-Newswire.com and honoluluadvertiser.com

Scale-back in Markets
On Aug. 17, WMY-AM interviewed Thomas Nist, Donahue Chair in the Palumbo•Donahue School of Business, regarding the scale-back in the stock markets and waning consumer sentiment.

LA Fitness Killer Left Estate to Pitt
On Aug. 19, the Tribune-Review reported that nearly two years before George Sedini opened fire in a Collier gym, he signed a will naming his alma mater, the University of Pittsburgh, as his sole beneficiary of his estimated $225,000 estate. Duquesne University Law Professor Michael Streib, an expert in tort law, was quoted in the story, which also appeared on NBCphiladelphia.com

Behavioral Intervention Association Annual Conference
On Aug. 19, PPInewswire.com announced that Dr. Rick A. Myer, professor of counseling and psychology at Duquesne University, will give the keynote address at the annual Behavioral Intervention and Threat Assessment Association Annual Conference. A similar article appeared on Lexxdon.com.

Pittsburgh Mom Says Daughter Bullied Into Anorexia
On Aug. 19, The New York Times featured an article about a woman who has filed what experts believe is a first-of-its-kind lawsuit against the Pittsburgh Public Schools, claiming her daughter developed anorexia because male students bullied the girl about her weight, forcing her to leave the district. Law Professor Bruce Ledewitz was quoted.

Sustainability Field Booms on Campus
On Aug. 20, the New York Times featured an article about the sustainability field and how business schools are also burnishing their sustainability credentials. A few, like Duquesne University’s business school in Pittsburgh, offer MBA’s in sustainability.

Duquesne Program Brings Real Research to Budding Scientists
On Aug. 20, the Post-Gazette featured an article about Project SEED, offered in conjunction with the American Chemical Society at Duquesne University. The summer research internships for academically talented, low-income high school students has been available at Duquesne University for the past six years for students in Allegheny County. It was formed via a partnership between chemistry professor Jennifer Aitken and Sto-Rox chemistry teacher Josh Lucas, both of whom saw the need to create research opportunities for economically disadvantaged students. Duquesne’s SEED program received the American Chemical Society’s ChemLuminary Award in 2007 for being the best SEED program in the country.

Duquesne Grants Scholarship To New Zealand Girl
As Sister Awaits Transplant
The Tribune-Review, on Aug. 20, featured an article about Rachel Reid who said without the generosity of Duquesne University officials, she might have been 8,500 miles away by the time her little sister received a multiple-organ transplant. Reid, 17, considered her four-year scholarship “amazing.” The Rev. Sean Hogan, executive director of student life, also was quoted. KDKA-TV also featured the Reids and the scholarship.

Law Prof. Says Ben’s Accuser’s E-Mails Not Enough To Dismiss Case
On Aug. 20, WPXI interviewed Law Professor Kenneth Hirsch about emails connected to the assault case against Steelers’ quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

Consignment Stores New Trend For School Shopping
On Aug. 21, KDKA.com interviewed Dr. Audrey Guskey, business and marketing analyst, about consignment stores for back-to-school shopping.

Duquesne University Receives First Campus LEED
PopCulturamedia.com, in an Aug. 26 article, announced that Duquesne University has achieved LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for the $30 million, 13,000-square-foot Power Center, the university’s first LEED certification. A similar article appeared in Mnn.com.

Hot picks: Sebastian Maniscalco, Vivian Girls
On Aug. 26, the Tribune-Review announced that the classical concert season starts at Duquesne University, when Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra assistant principal cellist Adam Lii will play a world premiere and two masterpieces. The Post-Gazette ran a similar story on Aug. 27.

McConnell-Serio’s Contract Extended at Duquesne
On Aug. 26, the Post-Gazette announced that Duquesne University athletic director Greg Amadio announced that head women’s basketball coach Suzie McConnell-Serio signed a multi-year contract extension through the 2013-14 season.

Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra Looks To Gain Solid footing
In an Aug. 27 article, the Tribune-Review announced that James Burham, distinguished service professor of finance at Duquesne, is promising the Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra will be unlike any big band ever to perform in this city. The level of performance skills in the band thrills Mike Tomaro, co-artistic director of the band with Jones and director of jazz studies at Duquesne.

What’s Your World Economics IQ?
On Aug. 27, the Post-Gazette announced that James Burham, distinguished service professor of finance at Duquesne, will be presenting a G-20 summit primer Sept. 9 at the Mount Lebanon Public Library.

New Catholic Pharmacy Schools Seen Helping Ease National Shortage
The catholicnews.com, on Aug. 28, announced that College of Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore began its first day of classes at the Catholic institution’s new School of Pharmacy. Currently, there are 116 schools of pharmacy in 47 states, according to officials at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, which has its headquarters in Alexandria, Va. Of the 116, seven are at Catholic institutions of higher education, including Duquesne.

School’s ‘Indelible Impression’ Is Celebrated
On Aug. 28, The Pittsburgh Catholic featured an article about the Bishop’s Latin School and how it continues to impact the Diocese of Pittsburgh through its active alumni association. The seminarians earn 4.5 hours of approved credit in canon law, Roman law and legal process for canonization in classes taught by law school faculty members from Duquesne University and by officials in the Roman Curia.

Allegheny County School Districts OK Early Admission If Child’s Prepared
On Aug. 31, the Tribune-Review interviewed Dr. Julia Williams, assistant professor of early childhood education at Duquesne University, for an article about early admissions to kindergartens.

Back to School/Do the Math: Latest ‘New Math’ Concept
On Aug. 31, the Post-Gazette interviewed Melissa Boston, assistant professor of mathematics education at Duquesne University, about teaching math and attitudes toward math.

People on the Move
On Aug. 31, the Pittsburgh Business Times announced that Maureen Lally-Green, retired Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge and adjunct professor in Duquesne’s School of Law, was appointed to the board of trustees for the Federated Premier Municipal Income Fund and Federated Premier Intermediate Municipal Income Fund.

Also, Cheryl Knoch was named director of student life at Duquesne, responsible for directing student organizations, programs, activities and various student life departments and the Duquesne Union facility. She has held numerous posts in higher education, including serving as the director of student life at Slippery Rock University.

Schools Offer Online Opportunities for Sports Degrees
On Aug. 31, sportscareers.about.com featured an article about online sports degree programs. If taking college courses online appeals to you, plenty of sports degree programs are offered through Internet courses. Located in Pittsburgh, Duquesne University offers a master of science in sports leadership online. The program targets current sports industry professionals interested in furthering their education. Some of the points of emphasis include: handling ethical and legal issues, strategic marketing, and leadership training. More information is available on the school site.

An increasing number of colleges are offering online degrees, which often appeal to people who may be interested in furthering their education while continuing to work at their careers.

Dateline Pittsburgh
On Aug. 31, the Post-Gazette announced that Dr. David W. Seybert was reappointed to a three-year term as dean of the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences at Duquesne University.
The Honorable Donetta W. Ambrose, A’67, L70

Ambrose earned her bachelor’s degree in political science and Juris Doctor at Duquesne. She was appointed to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania in 1993—only the second woman named as a judge in this district—and was elected as the court’s first female chief judge in 2002.

Ambrose steps down this month as chief judge at the conclusion of her seven-year term. Before her federal appointment, she had been elected in 1981 as a judge of the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas. Her extensive experience also includes work as a clerk to the late Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Louis Manderino, service as an assistant state attorney general and county district attorney, and eight years of private legal practice.

Ambrose is recognized in the legal profession as an innovator and advocate of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), having successfully implemented the approach in federal courts. ADR encourages civil litigants to utilize mediation, arbitration and other resolution methods to reach a settlement before the time and expense of a trial. The ADR process reduced court backlogs and permits other, more complex, cases to proceed more smoothly through the judicial system.

Ambrose has also been recognized for her efforts to ensure diversity and fair representation in the legal system, and has championed the cause of women in the profession, serving as a mentor and remaining active in related bar association activities. She received the Anne X. Alpern Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association for her efforts in this area. Her other honors include the Susan B. Anthony Award from the Women’s Bar Association, Woman of the Year from Duquesne’s Women’s Law Association, and the Duquesne Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumna Award.

Arnold E. Burchianti II, HS’93, GHS’94

Burchianti received his bachelor’s degree in health sciences in 1993 and his master’s in physical therapy in 1994 from Duquesne’s Rangos School of Health Sciences. After practicing physical therapy and working as an independent home healthcare consultant, he founded Functional Integration Inc., a contract-based rehabilitation organization.

Inspired by the vision of integrated health services he acquired at Duquesne, Burchianti founded Celtic Healthcare Inc. in 1995. Headquartered in Mars, Pa., the company has grown to become a leading regional provider of home health care. Celtic’s services encompass geriatric care management, living assistance, home-based nursing and rehabilitation, disease management, hospice and palliative care.

Celtic Healthcare ranked fifth on the 2007 Pittsburgh Business Times list of the region’s fastest growing companies, while its distinctive corporate culture earned the firm top honors among large companies in that year’s survey of “Best Places to Work in Western Pennsylvania.” Healthcare employers nationwide experience an average 21 percent staff turnover rate, while Celtic Healthcare posts an average turnover rate of just six percent.

A pioneer in the application of information technology in the health care industry, Burchianti has developed proprietary software and deployed laptop computers and hand-held equipment allowing his staff to improve documentation efficiency, reduce the time spent on administrative tasks, and maximize the attention caregivers devote to patients.

Burchianti is a two-time finalist for the Ernst and Young regional Entrepreneur of the Year award, has received the Excellence in Home Care award from the American Physical Therapy Association, and was honored as a 2007 Pacesetter by Smart Business Network. A former governor of the Duquesne University Alumni Association and president of the Rangos School Alumni, he received the school’s first Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2000.

Craig G. Cochenour, R.Ph., Esq., P’81, L88

After earning his bachelor of science in pharmacy in 1981, Cochenour practiced pharmacy in both the retail and clinical settings before attending Duquesne Law, from which he earned his Juris Doctor in 1988. His more than 20 years of legal experience includes corporate positions with Merck and Calgon as well as work in several firms.

As a shareholder with the firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, Cochenour handles registration and protection of copyrights, domestic and international licensing, trademark and unfair competition law, Internet and electronic commerce law, employment consulting agreements and confidentiality agreements for the protection of technology. He represents a broad spectrum of clients in the chemical, polymer and pharmaceutical arts, biotechnology, medical devices, metallurgical and ceramic engineering industries, heavy industrial manufacturing, universities, software development organizations and Internet service providers.

Cochenour has lectured on intellectual property issues at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and has authored numerous articles on intellectual property matters. He has received the American Jurisprudence Award for Law and Medicine and Duquesne University’s Hugh C. Muldoon Memorial Award and McPartland-Beck Award for Clinical Excellence.

Cochenour currently serves as executive vice president of the Duquesne University Alumni Association Board of Governors and as a member of the Mylan School of Pharmacy Dean’s Advisory Council.

Scott M. Lammie, B’76

Lammie earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in accounting from Duquesne in 1976, later holding positions as a senior manager with Arthur Anderson & Co. and director of litigation services for Coopers & Lybrand.

Lammie joined UPMC in 1990 and has served in a number of key business, financial and operational leadership positions supporting the health system’s evolution and growth, including managing director of UPMC Health Ventures, vice president of UPMC Patient Business Services, corporate vice president of finance, and executive vice president of UPMC Health System Diversified Services. He is currently chief financial officer of UPMC Health Plan and senior vice president of the UPMC Insurance Services Division.

Lammie also shares his time and talent in volunteer capacities with a host of professional and community organizations, including the Boy Scouts; Methodist Church Union Board, Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse, Pittsburgh Social Venture Partners, UPMC Cancer Center and Children’s Hospital, and United Way. Recognized by the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals with its Outstanding Volunteer Award, he has helped to raise funds for the Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic Charities and Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, among others.
Michael R. Wiest, GA’70
A native of upstate New York, Wiest earned a bachelor’s degree at Fordham University in 1967 before pursuing a master’s in English at Duquesne. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War and began his career working with the New York State Department of Labor before joining Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in 1973. Established by American bishops in 1943, CRS is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States, providing assistance and alleviating suffering in more than 100 countries, with a major focus in Africa.

Wiest spent more than 20 years as a CRS representative in Africa, providing direct assistance in Senegal, Sierra Leone, Burkino Faso, Kenya and Morocco. He began management training during a three-year stint in Indonesia, serving during the Sahel famine, before being appointed to CRS world headquarters in Baltimore, Md. in 1993.

He served as a regional major gifts officer, deputy executive director, operations director, chief of staff and chief operating officer before his 2007 appointment as executive vice president for charitable giving and awareness. In this position, he guides CRS’ effort to serve Catholics in the United States in their efforts to live their faith in solidarity with the poorest of the poor overseas through charitable giving.

Wiest also has served as president of Caritas North America, a consortium of Catholic social justice organizations, and vice president of Caritas International. He is active in four Vietnam veterans’ organizations and chairs the Justice and Peace Committee of St. Ignatius Church.

With the Rev. William Headley, C.S.Sp., a former Duquesne faculty member and CRS director, Wiest was instrumental in establishing the Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies concentration in the University’s Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy.

P. David Pappert, A’60
McAnulty Service Award
P. David Pappert, retired chairman and chief executive officer of ViON Corporation, was inducted into the Century Club in 1996 and is only the 24th recipient of this award. Named for Duquesne’s 10th president, the award is the highest non-academic honor the University bestows on its graduates.

A native of Pittsburgh’s North Side, Pappert received his bachelor’s degree in English from Duquesne in 1960. He began his career as a computer salesman with IBM and joined MAI Equipment Corp. in 1965. Three years later, he moved to ITEL Corp., a computer leasing firm. As president and CEO of ITEL’s federal services unit, Pappert engineered a purchase of the division in 1980, forming ViON Corp. ViON integrates technology solutions for federal, state and local governments, specializing in advanced computing products and services.

Pappert was elected to Duquesne University’s Board of Directors in 1998. After serving on the finance committee and as vice chair, he served as chairman from May 2007 through June 2009. Under his leadership, the board became more diverse in age, ethnicity, gender and experience.

Pappert and his wife, Janet, also a Duquesne graduate and Century Club member, have provided significant financial support for Duquesne’s Mary Pappert School of Music (named for David’s mother), a lecture hall in the Bayer Learning Center, and various scholarships assisting students.

Pappert has also served on the boards of the Vince Lombardi Cancer Research Center at Georgetown University, The Woods Academy, and Stone Ridge Country Day School.

Center for Leadership Development

In the Spotlight focuses on centers and clinics operating from campus and shares information about their accomplishments.

What: Duquesne’s Center for International Nursing supports the international activities of the students and faculty members and facilitates exposure to other healthcare systems in other cultures, with the goal of gaining a better understanding of global healthcare and nursing practices to advance and improve healthcare on a worldwide level.

Located: Room 544B, Fisher Hall
Director/Staff: Leah Vota Cunningham, assistant professor, assistant dean of student services
Services: The center has participated in collaborative research and service projects with the Oncology Nursing Society and the Ministry of Health in Nicaragua. The center has also initiated partnerships with Africa, Peru, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands and is working to expand educational opportunities.

Activities also include raising funds for international student scholarships and for specific international projects. To further its mission, the center also employs several bilingual student interns and research assistants each semester.

Notable/Quotable: Exchanges involve several groups of students from a variety of health and science disciplines accompanying faculty teaching teams on excursions to Nicaragua. Experiences provide them with comprehensive, hands-on approaches to the world of international healthcare and exposure to the values of other countries.

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Above, President Charles J. Dougherty congratulates faculty award winners, including, top left, Dr. James Swindal, associate professor and chair of the philosophy department, The Eugene P. Beard Award for Leadership in Ethics; top right, Dr. Tammy Hughes, associate professor of school psychology, Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching; bottom left, Dr. Janie Harden Fritz, associate professor of communication, Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching; bottom right, Dr. Rodney K. Hopson, Hillman Distinguished Professor, Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarship. Dr. H.M. "Skip" Kingston, professor of analytical chemistry, president Award for Excellence in Scholarship, was unable to attend.

Top right, Dr. David Somers, new holder of the Anna Rangos Rizaks Endowed Chair for Health Sciences and Ethics, inspires the audience as he speaks of his goals.

Center, P. David Pappert, immediate past chairman of the Duquesne University Board of Directors, acknowledges receiving the University’s highest non-academic honor for alumni, the McAnulty Service Award.

Bottom left, Sr. Rosemary Donley, S.C., Ph.D., inaugural holder of the Jacques Laval Endowed Chair in Justice for Vulnerable Populations, spoke of how the Laval legacy will inform her work.

Bottom right, John Plante, vice president of University Advancement bows his head as the Rev. James P. McCloskey, C.S.Sp., vice president of Mission and Identity, lead the group in prayer.