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Across the Street and Across the Country

These are exciting times at La Roche College. As you will read later in the magazine, we are moving off the West Campus and consolidating all of the College's operations on the East Campus.

A lot of thought and planning went into the decision to make this move, and all elements of the La Roche community – from the students through the Board of Trustees – provided input into the decision. This relocation is the first step in a facilities master plan that will guide the development of our campus now and in the years to come. The campus master plan will help ensure that our physical facilities both support and reflect the quality of our academic programs.

While the campus master plan has been in preparation, the College Planning Committee has been at work over the past year developing a strategic plan for the College that will determine La Roche's emphasis and direction leading up to the College's 50th anniversary in 2013. The plan, which has also benefited from input from a broad array of campus constituencies, focuses on four major areas: quality education, mission and identity, student success, and stewardship of resources. Titled *Engaging the Future: La Roche 2013*, this plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at the end of February. Once approved, it will enable us to concentrate our energy and resources on those endeavors that will be most effective in accomplishing our vision of being the best college for the world.

From the President

Even though the move across the street has been taking a great deal of time and attention, it is far from the only "moving" that has been going on at the College. Over the course of the past six months, I have had the opportunity to meet with alumni in Boston, New York City, Denver and Florida, with upcoming trips already planned for Minneapolis and Washington, D.C. I have appreciated the warm welcome that I have received at each of these meetings, and I continue to be proud of all of our alumni and their accomplishments.

In addition to the alumni visits, we have taken La Roche on the road to Washington, D.C., to meet with elected officials and also to hold a reception for officials from the embassies of the countries from which we have international students. And in early February, our Dance Theatre was the headline act at the Aaron Davis Theatre in New York City in an evening performance in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of New York.

La Roche College is indeed an institution on the move in many ways. Our regional impact continues to grow, our alumni continue to spread La Roche values across the country, and with the aid of both our strategic and facilities plans, we are moving boldly into the future. I look forward to the involvement and support of all of you as we make that future a reality.

Sister Candace Introcaso

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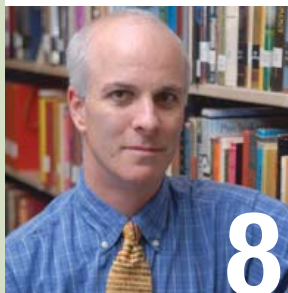
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Sports Roundup



PHOTO: JAMES KNOX

Sophomore Jon Austin shines on the course

La Roche College sophomore Jon Austin (of Pittsburgh) won the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Golf Championship in October 2007 at Tom's Run Golf Course in Blairsville, Pa. He shot a tournament best 154 (71, 83) and came out on top after a two-hole playoff with Penn State Altoona's Jake Blitz. It was just one highlight of a golf career that just keeps getting better. Jon was named to the first team AMCC All-Conference Golf Team in late October 2007 and also was selected by the AMCC coaches as AMCC Co-Player of the Year for 2007.

September Golf Outing Nets Record Profits

The 16th Annual La Roche College Golf Outing on Monday, Sept. 24, at Wildwood Golf Club in Allison Park, Pa., turned out to be a great all-around day with stellar weather, team camaraderie and a fantastic donation to the College's Athletics Program. Twenty-eight sponsors and 83 golfers netted almost \$25,000 for that program. That's a 7.5 percent increase in revenue and a 15 percent increase in the number of participants from the 2006 outing.

Rose Woolley, director of Alumni Affairs, was at the helm of this event and once again pulled off a terrific day for all involved. Thanks go out to all who participated in the planning and execution of the outing, especially the donors and golfers. A special thanks to Pepsi™ — the main sponsor of the event.

Surviving Cancer Through ... Basketball?

Christopher Bibey has come through many trials in his young life, but one that threatened to sit him on the sidelines forever was his fight against thyroid cancer during his time at La Roche College. As a forward on the basketball team, Chris was living out his dream of playing college ball, something he had wanted to do from the time he was a little boy. He was playing at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (Pa.) when he was diagnosed with cancer.

After surgery, he regained enough strength to join La Roche's team, but found that his body was on the verge of breaking down. Somehow, with the help of teammates and Coach Scott Lang, he found the strength to continue to play, and he went with the La Roche team to the first conference championship in the College's history.



PHOTO: RIC EVANS

La Roche Basketball Head Coach Scott Lang and Author Chris Bibey

But Chris' story is more than a sports chronicle. In *Open Your Heart with Basketball, Mastering Life through Love of the Game*, he tells a tale of dedication to tasks — no matter what they are — and achieving goals that seem to be unreachable. Printed in 2007 by DreamTime Publishing, Inc., Chris has pulled together an inspirational story of focusing on your dreams and reaching for the stars, no matter the obstacles. In addition to telling his own story, he includes vignettes from well-known coaches that are designed to offer advice and provide insight to accomplishing goals, whether you're a basketball player or not.

Chris, a Pittsburgh native, has captured his emotional and physical struggles within the pages of this book, and he has managed to engage readers who will find that they can "open their hearts" with inspiration that surrounds them every day.



President's Circle Dinner Recognizes College's Donors



On Oct. 11, Sister Candace Introcaso, CDP, Ph.D., president of La Roche College, honored donors at the annual President's Circle Dinner who have given \$1,000 or more to the College. The dinner, which took place in a beautifully transformed Zappala College Center Square, recognizes the efforts of donors who – through their generosity – provide a means for current and future generations of students to benefit from continued educational excellence.

“Whether it is through your funding of equipment, scholarships, programs, or facilities, the bottom line is that you are the people who are helping provide us with that extra measure of excellence that has resulted, among other things, in the College being recognized by the Princeton Review for the third year in a row as one of the best colleges in the northeastern United States,” Sister Candace told those at the dinner. “It is no exaggeration when I say that we simply could not do all that we do without your assistance.”

PHOTOS: KATHY CORCORAN

Pictured:

1. Sister Candace and The Hon. John Brosky, who signed La Roche College's charter in 1963.
2. Carol and Ken Leet. Carol serves the College as one of the Regents.
3. Vice President of Academic Affairs Howard Ishiyama, Trustee and alumna Kathryn Jolley and her husband, Greg Madej.
4. Alumnae Mary Michalek and Carol Marsiglio.
5. Mary Patricia Gingrich and her mother, Pat Steinbach, friends of the College.
6. From left: John Arnold and wife Lisa, and Mike Arnold, friends of La Roche College.
(See more on the Arnolds' efforts, Page 18.)



She's Got Style, Naturally

Spotlight on Alumna Barbara Boz ('80)

It's been a year since Barbara Boz unveiled her fashion-jewelry collection, **StyleNaturale**, on **QVC**, the home-shopping network. With this success under her belt and a formidable sales and marketing background in her repertoire, the La Roche College alumna felt it was time for a grassroots promotional effort. She devised a plan to secure celebrity endorsement for her jewelry.

Maybe someone famous would wear a StyleNaturale necklace on "the red carpet." Or maybe a television stylist would select a piece to be worn during an upcoming episode. Possibly, an actress would wear a bracelet in a movie.

All good ideas. But not for Barbara.

When Blairsville, Pa., native Barbara Boz brainstorms, she does it at full scale. Forget the B-list actors, Barbara headed straight to the top and tirelessly pursued the editors and stylists behind a person whom many perceive as the most influential woman in the world – Oprah Winfrey.

"I thought to myself, 'If there was one person who would most nearly embody the essence of StyleNaturale, who would it be?'" Barbara said. "I'm pretty lofty in my goals, so I decided to approach the Oprah team, and darn if they didn't give me the nod!"

Barbara's StyleNaturale gold hammered bangles appeared on the cover of *O, The Oprah Magazine* after Oprah and her stylists decided to have nine of them adorn her left arm for a photo shoot. The August 2007 issue features a photo of Oprah posed in a



wicker chair on a slightly windy beach with the organic bangles dangling the length of her forearm.

The enormous triumph was the result of Barbara's persistence to secure an appointment with the O magazine editors. After their first meeting with Barbara, the editors indicated that the jewelry might be cover material. They said that Oprah was looking for jewelry that was both beautiful and affordable and that perhaps StyleNaturale would fit that bill.

"Creating beautiful objects that function well — that's what I love doing, and my approach and perspective differentiate my collection in this very competitive industry." — Barbara Boz

"In February, a few months after that first meeting in New York, an editor at O called to ask if I would ship her 10 bangles by 8 a.m. the next day," Barbara recalled. "Two weeks after that, she called again to announce that Oprah had, in fact, been photographed wearing the bangles, that they couldn't yet confirm that the photo would be selected for the cover, and that Oprah herself wanted to purchase the bangles."

Barbara instead offered them as a gift to Oprah, but the editor indicated that Oprah would want to pay for the jewelry. She said, "Oprah always insists on buying the jewelry that she wants to retain in her personal collection." A few weeks later, Barbara received a check written from Oprah's personal account.

"I did cash it, but I made a color copy of it first," Barbara said while laughing.

A call to Barbara from an O magazine editor four months later confirmed that Oprah would be wearing the bangles on the front of the August issue.

"I was genuinely stunned. It was a surreal moment," Barbara said about hearing the news. "I feel so complimented that a woman with such incredible style has chosen my jewelry, especially knowing that she has so much from which to choose."

As for the bangles she purchased, Oprah has worn them numerous times on her highly-rated talk show, Barbara said. And, StyleNaturale, headquartered in Michigan, has received quite a boost in business since the magazine hit the newsstands. The subsequent media coverage pertaining to the bangles elevated hits to Barbara's website even higher.

"Thank goodness for Oprah," Barbara said. "She has helped share what I'm doing with a much broader audience."

StyleNaturale is a modern, artisan-inspired collection expressed in many lustrous plated-metals and mixed with semi-precious gemstones and crystals. The shapes of the pieces are organic for improved comfort, Barbara said, and the look is stylish, yet casual, sophisticated and versatile. The pieces range from \$25 to \$300.

Barbara's interior design education, which was acquired through her undergraduate work at La Roche, significantly influenced the creation of her jewelry line. She said the design process is the common thread.

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STYLE NATURALE™

Barbara Cary



Although she now lives in an historic town north of Detroit, Barbara revealed that much of her inspiration dates back to her idyllic roots, exploring the rolling hills and deep woods of eastern Pennsylvania. She also spent a lot of her free time browsing flea markets, antiquing and creating new fashion designs while living in Blairsville, where her parents, George and Mary Plunkett, still reside.

Prior to launching her first jewelry brand, Barbara's professional career spanned two decades, where she flourished in interior architectural design and marketing/business development in Pittsburgh and Detroit. Barbara was vice president and partner of Ford and Earl Associates of Michigan, named as "One of the Top 100 Design Firms in the Nation," as ranked by Interior Design magazine.

"At a time when I had reached a pinnacle in my career, I knew it still wasn't enough. I needed to create something that came from within. I had been sketching jewelry, without purpose, forever. At some point, maybe it was when I turned 40, I could no longer ignore the artistic tug to bring this jewelry collection to life."

Barbara's first jewelry brand, known as Barbara Cary, is a designer-sterling line launched four years ago and carried by Saks Fifth Avenue. She introduced her follow-up fashion-jewelry collection, StyleNaturale, in April 2006 on QVC. Today, it is carried by more than 60 stores nationwide, the Caribbean and in Canada. StyleNaturale jewelry is also available online at www.stylenaturale.com.

She could not be more pleased with the progress of her business, Barbara said, which is currently staffed by five, and is attracting more customers each day. With her dogged determination, it's obvious that success will continue to follow.

"I'm thrilled that StyleNaturale is doing so well. I'm clearly challenged with this business, and I've never had more fun!"





Alumni Update



Brian Duermyer ('04)

Leading the Way Along a Road that Others Follow Alumnus Brian Duermyer ('04)

Beginning with the first day he walked onto the La Roche College campus as a freshman, Brian Duermyer knew he wanted to stand out from his peers. He had intended to perform at a high level, nourish his writing talent and graduate with the certainty that he garnered as much from his education as he possibly could.

Seven years later, now a Shaler Area Middle School English teacher, Brian wears that adage on his sleeve, consistently striving for shining-star stature in all of his endeavors, and encouraging his students to do the same. His professional efforts were recognized this month when the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) honored Brian with the annual Leadership Development Award, given to educators who demonstrate early in their careers a strong capacity for professional leadership.

"Brian has high ideals, high energy and the dedication that differentiates the truly great teachers from the merely good," said Sister Rita Yeasted, professor and chair of La Roche's English Department, who nominated Brian for the award. "Brian was an advisee of mine while he was at La Roche, and he was an excellent student and accomplished writer. When the national competition for promising young teachers in our area was announced through the NCTE, I immediately thought of Brian. I and the department are very proud of him."

Brian was presented the award Nov. 17 at the NCTE's national convention in New York City. Not only was he thrilled to receive the award because it allowed him to make his first trip to New York, but he was also extremely flattered that Sister Rita, whom Brian had always admired as a teacher and a person, nominated him.

A 2004 La Roche graduate, Brian studied Secondary English and made a significant contribution to the college and student body through his work at the La Roche Courier, first as a staff writer and later as editor. As a junior, he began freelance writing for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, covering high school football, and he continues to do so today.

Brian points to his work with the school and Pittsburgh newspapers as a significant reason why he was chosen by the Shaler School District for an extremely competitive full-time teaching position soon after he graduated.

"The Courier provided me with an outlet to hone my writing skills, and I think my work with the Tribune legitimized my hiring as an English teacher," Brian said. "I also credit Ed Stankowski, a professor and newspaper adviser at La Roche with being my role model. I admired his classroom approach of blending his knowledge with humor, and I try to emulate that."

He went on to explain that his professional writing experience brings an added dimension to his English classes and as an adviser of the middle school's newspaper. Developing a career in journalism has allowed Brian to pass along strong writing skills and creative thinking strategies to his young students.

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Recently becoming a resident of Reserve Township after buying his first home, Brian fills his activities calendar with serving as an assistant coach to his school's boys' and girls' tennis teams, playing guitar and following Pittsburgh sports teams. Often the one to take the road less traveled, Brian is proud to have been one of the organizers responsible for the Pirates fans walkout this past summer at PNC Park, which attracted local and national media attention.

It is these types of extra efforts that have often made Brian stand out among the crowd and have enticed people to follow him. He stresses to his students – and



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offers the same advice to students of La Roche – the importance and potential magnitude of being your own person and gaining the most out of each day.

“Get involved in as much as you can. The extras you can offer will ultimately separate you from your competitors.”

Spoken like a true leader.



Alicia Kopar ('02)

La Roche Alumna Alicia Kopar ('02) Heads Corporate Communications for Davison Design and Development

Alicia Kopar was appointed director of corporate communications for Pittsburgh product design firm Davison Design and Development in September 2007. The North Hills (Pittsburgh) native manages external and internal communication for the company, which is a cutting-edge 110,000-square-foot product design and development factory. Its services include research, industrial design, virtual reality, video, animation, product samples, packaging, presentation and royalty management.

Previously, Alicia was with Skutski & Oltmanns, Inc. While working to attain her master's degree, she served as an intern at Pitt Med magazine and WTAE-TV. Alicia graduated summa cum laude from La Roche College in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in professional writing. She acquired her master's degree in journalism and mass communication this year from Point Park University, Pittsburgh.

Festival of Lights Always a Treat for Alumni

Alumni and their families were given a special treat this year when the Festival of Lights “reunion” was moved to the Cantellops Gallery. It provided a wonderful setting for catching up with old friends, seeing new things on campus, and even just taking a break from shopping at the nursing honor society craft show.



Making the Festival of Lights a family affair are Josie Schomburger and Hope (Schomburger) Schiffgens with their families. From left: Josie Schomburger, secretary in Graduate Studies & Adult Education (employee since 1991); Hope Schiffgens ('98), Management Major – director of GS & AE; Connor Schiffgens, age 2; Scott Schiffgens ('97), Communication Design Major – manager with KPMG; Heather Cipriani ('92), Accounting Major – worked at Federated Investors for six years before having the boys and becoming a stay-at-home mom; Ed Cipriani ('91), Biology Major – senior medical technologist, VA Hospital in Oakland; Ryan Cipriani, age 5; and Tyler Cipriani, age 8





Faculty & Staff News



Gregory Named Dean, School of the Professions

Alexandra Gregory, D.M.A., joined La Roche as dean of the School of the Professions. The Mt. Lebanon, Pa., resident most recently worked at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, where she served as associate vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of Graduate Studies, as well as a professor of music. Dr. Gregory received her Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance, her Master of Arts from the University of Central Missouri and her Bachelor of Music from Southwest Baptist University. She also holds an Executive MBA from Rockhurst University.

She brings to the college a unique perspective to her role as dean. As an accomplished musician and choral conductor, she finds that her musical expertise perfectly complements her extensive experience in higher education.

"I believe my many years as a choral conductor provide me with the ability to unite my passion with my leadership qualities," Dr. Gregory said. "In the role of dean, I work as a conductor would – seeing the big picture and noticing the little things that make a big difference. I am able to pull people together for a common goal, and I value what everyone brings to the School of the Professions as far as experience and dedication."

In her most recent role as dean at Point Park, Dr. Gregory worked with all programs, focusing specifically on faculty development, assessment and retention

programs, and accreditation programs – having served as the university's liaison with Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. She also worked closely on the development efforts that garnered a major university gift for an executive-in-residence program and initiated the Academic Technology Users Group of faculty to assist staff and faculty with instructional technology and scholarship needs.

Her expertise lies in improving educational quality at the institutions where she serves, as well as focusing on faculty enhancements, financial improvements, program development, and facility and capital improvements.

She also recently began duties as the Interim Dean of the School of Graduate Studies & Adult Education, filling the role in which Lynn Archer, Ph.D., had served until earlier this year after a two-year period.

During that time, Dr. Archer successfully consolidated disparate functions across campus into a single point of service for graduate and adult students. The programs have seen increases in both adult student retention and offsite student enrollment resulting from opening new offsite programs at Latrobe Hospital, Lawrence County Learning Center, Holy Family Institute, Crawford Consulting, Ohio Valley General Hospital, as well as program expansion at the Cranberry Woods location. With the help of Director of Graduate & Adult Studies Hope Schiffigens, Assistant Dean for Academic Enrichment Lance Shaeffer, and a cadre of dedicated staff and faculty, Dr. Archer forged new relationships with Butler County Community College, CCAC, Mine Safety Corp., and other institutions and corporations in the Pittsburgh region.

Rowe Named ABASM President, Sponsors Conference

The Allegheny Branch of the American Society for Microbiology (ABASM) conducted its annual meeting at La Roche College on Nov. 16 and 17, and it was a great success that showcased not only La Roche, but also the talents of many students and professionals. La Roche faculty member Gail Rowe, Ph.D., associate professor of biology and recently named president of ABASM, coordinated the event. Dr. Rowe noted that this year's conference included three distinguished keynote speakers, including one of international renown, and drew more than 70 people, whereas the typical conference includes one or two invited speakers and about 50 attendees.

Positive notes from the conference include:

- A good turnout of student and non-student ABASM members giving presentations of their own microbiology research from various colleges and universities in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia;



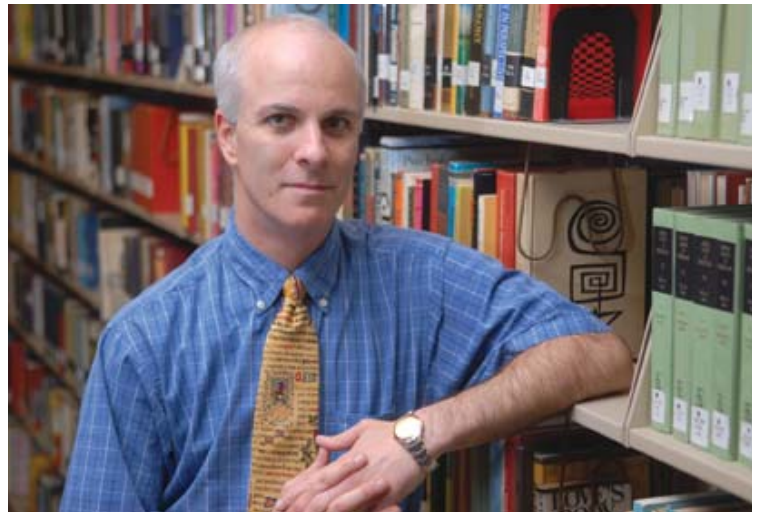
- Presentations by two La Roche biology students: Biology Education major Matthew McCarthy presented a poster titled "Effectiveness of Microbiological Lab Work in Helping Non-science Majors Understand Evolution via Natural Selection." Brandon Hassett, '07, Biology, gave an oral presentation of his work on "The Effect of Geotube® Technology for Dewatering Farm Pond Sediments on the Prevalence of Selected Bacterial Populations." Hassett received a second place award for his work.;
- A presentation by Gail on her microbiology education research that was very well-received and prompted education keynote speaker Alix Darden, Ph.D., of the Citadel in South Carolina to recommend it for publication; and
- Positive feedback from ABASM membership to continue to incorporate microbiology education as a major focus of future meetings.

Other La Roche faculty who participated in the event: Kate Sylvis, Ed.D., assistant professor from the Department of Education; Roberta Hartman, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Chemistry Department; Bob McBride, Ph.D., biology professor, and Fred Sproull, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of the Biology Department.

Bellin's New Work on Indian Sacred Rituals

Joshua Bellin, Ph.D., associate professor of English in the English Department, is the author of a new book titled *Medicine Bundle: Indian Sacred Performance and American Literature, 1824-1932*. The book focuses on the relationships between Indian and Christian religious performances, taking a look at the 100-year evolution of the influence of American government and missionaries on the sacred rituals of the Native American people. These rituals, which represented their form of religious worship, were outlawed across the nation as the government and white missionaries wanted the Indians to conform to more "acceptable" practices of religion. "The missionaries believed they were saving the Indian people," Dr. Bellin explained. "They didn't, of course, and many of these sacred rituals – songs, stories and dances – are lost forever."

The book, available through publisher University of Pennsylvania Press and available at online booksellers and at the La Roche College Book Store, is Dr. Bellin's third



book. He developed his interest in Indian rituals when he took an early American literature class in college, where he read stories about Puritan missionaries and asked the professor if any Native American people had been converted to Puritan ways. That question led to Dr. Bellin's own research on the subject which, in turn, led to the development of his current book.

"I believe there are a couple important insights that readers will gain from [reading] the book," Dr. Bellin said. "First, readers will find an appreciation for the resilience of Native American cultures. Second, they will see that, whoever you are as an American – whatever blend of ethnicity you are – you will see that American culture is the culmination of all its people."

Dr. Bellin lives in his native Pittsburgh with his wife, Chris Saitz, and their two children, Lilly and Jonah.



Likar Serves as "go-to" Criminal Justice Resource

Larry Likar, M.A., J.D., associate professor and chair, Department of Justice, Law & Security, is one of the top resources for members of the media and private industry who seek expert advice and commentary on various topics within the criminal justice arena – and rightly so. Professor Likar is an attorney with a specialized interest in the areas of National Security and Constitutional Law and was a supervisory special agent of the FBI. He is considered an expert in the fields of security, violent crime, terrorism and enterprise (white collar) crime. Locally, Professor Likar is a regular source for media and recently appeared on PCNC-TV's "Night Talk" to discuss cold case files, as well as WQED's "Black Horizons" program on which he talked about missing person cases among minorities.

PHOTOS: JAMES KNOX



East Side, West Side . . . One Side Soon

La Roche is a college on the move. Literally. After careful analysis and review, plans are being implemented to consolidate all of the College's operations and facilities on the East Campus – the larger of the two properties along both sides of Babcock Boulevard that are home to La Roche College's offices and classrooms. In fact, some offices and departments – including nursing and performing arts – have already moved to new locations on the East Campus, and the College plans to vacate the entire West Campus by the end of the summer. This obviously represents a big change for the College and one that has been under study for several years.

The origins of this move date back to a campus master plan, completed in February 2002, which took a long-range look at the future development of the La Roche College campus. That plan, which foresaw substantial growth in the College's total enrollment, envisaged the West Campus as the site for potential expansion of the College's physical facilities. Shortly after assuming the presidency of the College in July 2004, Sister Candace Introcaso, CDP, Ph.D., initiated a review of the 2002 plan.

"A number of factors had changed since the plan was completed, and we needed to determine if the assumptions upon which it was based were still valid," Sister Candace said. "We also needed to see if the ensuing conclusions still represented the best way to utilize the College's assets, especially its property, to achieve the greatest benefit for the College and the neighboring community."

Updating the Master Plan

This reassessment looked at a variety of issues. Some were unique to La Roche College, such as the number of students that could be supported in the Pacem In Terris international scholarship program and the financial constraints facing that program. Some issues were the kind that affects all colleges and universities in the region, such as demographic trends in elementary and secondary education. And, finally, there were issues that represented broader trends in higher education, such as the movement toward developing physical facilities that meet both campus and community needs.

"One outcome that emerged from the analysis of these various factors and trends was a readjustment of projected total enrollment growth for the College," Sister Candace said. "A more realistic projection put the future total enrollment closer to 2,000 rather than the 3,000 figure in the 2002 master plan."

Sister Candace noted that the adjusted enrollment projections then led to a reassessment of the West Campus as a site for large-scale physical expansion of the College. "With its use for that purpose no longer planned, the College's Board of Trustees then began to think of the West Campus in terms of a valuable but undeveloped asset that could possibly be put to use in other ways to advance the College's mission," she said.

Looking at Future Options

In April 2005, the College's Board of Trustees authorized President Introcaso and her administrative team to investigate the range of potential uses and disposition of the 37-acre West Campus. Kathy Kozdemba, chair of the Board of Trustees, indicated that the Board looked to Sister Candace to make recommendations as to available alternatives.

"We were looking for options that would enable the College to best meet the needs of its students, while at the same time offering benefits that would enhance the campus and the surrounding neighborhoods," Ms. Kozdemba said. After reviewing the reassessment data and the other information, the Board of Trustees concurred with the recommendation of Sister Candace and her senior administrative team that the option that held the most potential for the College was to sell the West Campus and consolidate the La Roche family into one location on the East Campus.

One major benefit of this course of action will be the creation of a more cohesive campus community. "Babcock Boulevard has long been both a physical and a psychological barrier to complete campus integration, and our consolidation of all programs and activities on the East Campus is in the best interest of the entire campus community, especially the students," Sister Candace said.

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Father Peter Horton, director of Campus Ministry, talks with students Asti Eisenberg (left) and Anselyn Motchko.

Additionally, research determined that the appropriate development of the West Campus could be a genuine asset to student recruitment and retention. Discussions between college officials and representatives of both the Town of McCandless and potential purchasers centered around the development of a "town center" on the vacated West Campus property. This would comprise a mix of light retail, residential and professional offices that would provide both entertainment and employment opportunities for students. Such a "town center" has been built adjacent to John Carroll University in Cleveland and has proven to be a positive addition to that institution's campus environment.



His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of the Greek Orthodox, Metropolis of Pittsburgh (left), and La Roche President, Sister Candace Introcaso, CDP, Ph.D., at the land agreement signing in June 2007. Pictured, center, is Bill Fiedler of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

Interest from Two Parties

The College's Board of Trustees chose Howard Hanna Realty to serve as adviser and sales agent for this project. Under their direction, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to more than 20 potential developers and buyers. Two serious respondents emerged from this process. One was the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, which in June 2007 purchased 10 acres of the property to be used for a new church and community center for its growing congregation. The church, currently located on Pittsburgh's North Side, is in the process of developing architectural plans and raising funds for the new building, but construction of the facility will probably not begin for several years.

The second respondent was AdVenture, Inc., a development firm. The College signed a sales agreement with AdVenture in March 2007 that indicates that firm's intention to purchase the remaining 27-acre parcel to develop as part of the aforementioned "town center." The sales agreement includes safeguards that allow the College to retain a say in the type and style of development on the property, to ensure that it will be compatible in terms of both use and architecture with the La Roche campus. The sale is expected to be completed this summer, following the successful rezoning of the property.

The College continues to work closely with the Town of McCandless throughout the process in order to guarantee that whatever development takes place on the property is consistent with the desires of both the College and the Town. The members of the McCandless Town Council have expressed their approval for the direction that the College is taking and their appreciation that the College is committed to working with its neighbors as the development continues.

Master Plan for Facility Needs

Ms. Kozdemba emphasized that throughout the process, the board and the administration were aware of the implications for facilities resulting from the sale of the property.

"We have known from the start that new or upgraded facilities would be needed for programs currently housed on the West Campus, but those needs existed regardless of the disposition of the property," she said. To help ensure that all of the College's facilities needs were addressed, the Board of Trustees contracted with DRS Architects to prepare a new Facilities Master Plan. The plan was created to address both the long-term facilities needs of the College, as well as temporary space needs during the transition to the East Campus.



Design charrettes provided Interior Design and Graphic & Communication Design students the chance to have input into their new surroundings.

The plan, which was prepared with a great deal of attention to the comments and suggestions of administration, faculty, staff and students, provides an analysis of the overall campus in relation to the academic program needs and the projected enrollment in the years ahead. Kathryn A. Jolley, a La Roche alumna, member of the Board of Trustees and a principal in DRS, said that the participation by the La Roche internal audiences helped DRS draft a master plan that focused on a positive future for the College.

"Individuals at all levels were thoughtful about the College's future and optimistic that the challenges could be met," Ms. Jolley said. She added that the master plan is a "work in progress" that can guide and adapt the planning process as it moves forward.

Moving Academic Programs

Finding space for academic programs currently located on the West Campus was one of the most urgent needs outlined in the Master Plan. Two moves are complete: Nursing's classroom and learning laboratory were moved early in the academic year to a location near the administrative offices of the nursing faculty



on the lower level of the Administrative Building (AB). Performing arts made a move to new dance studio space in the Kerr Fitness & Sports Center, replacing a racquetball court. The programs that must move by summer are the Crime Scene Investigation laboratory for the Criminal Justice Program and the College's most popular major: Graphic & Communication Design. Moving this last program also represented an opportunity to improve the space for the second most popular major, Interior Design.

"Individuals at all levels were thoughtful about the College's future and optimistic that the challenges could be met." - Kathryn A. Jolley

Physically linking these two programs in a way that highlights their importance to the College was a tremendous plus in the relocation process. It also proved to be a hands-on learning opportunity for students in both programs, as they were asked to work in groups to develop plans for the departments' new location. Through a series of carefully orchestrated "design charrettes," both graphic and interior design students created renderings and design elements that would create their new "home" on the main campus. Seven finalist teams presented their work to judges at the end of 2007, and one team's design was chosen for further investigation and cost estimation by DRS. Once completed, the new location for the two programs will reflect the best thinking of the individuals most affected by the change – the students in the programs.

Updating the Library

The renovation of the John J. Wright Library and Learning Center also has been incorporated into the College's space planning. When it was opened in 1967, the Wright Library represented a state-of-the-art facility among college libraries. But just as educational techniques and practices evolved through the years to incorporate new technology and to accommodate changing needs of students, so, too, has the role and function of the library expanded.

"Academic libraries are no longer simply about access to and use of information. College libraries today must respond to trends in higher education and students' technology expectations," Sister Candace said. "Although it has served thousands of students well, the time has come for the Wright Library to receive an upgrade that will provide it with the physical and technological capacity to serve future generations of both traditional-age and adult learners from the region."

The physical changes to the library building are in response to changing styles of teaching and learning, as well as changing methods of education delivery. Much

of the library's open space will be converted to smaller seminar-style rooms. In addition to configuring the study space, the rooms must also be wired for and outfitted with the latest computer and audiovisual technology. Other changes to the building will include constructing and equipping a high technology conference room; an information literacy instruction room; a media center to support the development and use of multimedia in the delivery of academic and training programs; and a language laboratory to respond to the growing need on the part of both students and businesses to develop competencies in other languages in order to effectively compete in today's global economy.

Undergirding all of these physical changes will be the technology and software needed to develop and deliver instruction through distance learning, in order to accommodate the adult learner. La Roche College already contributes to educating individuals for key areas of the workforce, including nursing and other aspects of healthcare, finance and accounting, the natural sciences, and facilities management and interior design, to name but a few. The enhanced capability to provide web-based education will further expand the College's contribution to these and other areas of workforce development. (See sidebar on *Wright Library Brick Campaign*.)

A lot of change is in store for La Roche College, and change – no matter how positive – can be disconcerting.

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- Sister Candace Introcaso

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The Dance Department has already relocated to the Kerr Fitness & Sports Center.

"There is no question that there will be some temporary inconvenience and disruption as the College implements these changes, but the end result will be a campus that is more student friendly, that provides improved settings for its academic programs, that incorporates the latest in instructional technology, and that is adjacent to new amenities that will benefit all members of the campus community," Sister Candace said. "Furthermore, our plans will enhance our ability to better serve the needs of the current and future generations of students and help ensure that we continue to live out our commitment to being the best college for the world."

Commemorative Brick Campaign to Support the Renovation of the John J. Wright Library

You can leave a lasting tribute on the La Roche College campus by participating in this special campaign, designed to create a new entrance to the Wright Library. Alumni, staff, faculty and friends of the College from all over the world may become a part of campus history by contributing to this special campaign.

The Wright Library opened in 1967, and it has served the campus and the community well through the years. As technology has advanced, the Wright Library staff has met the demands of library users by continuing to obtain the software and resources necessary to stay current. Now, the time has come to take the library's physical space to the next level, renovating the building so that learning and technology may be fully integrated. The timetable for the overall renovation will be determined by the availability of funding, some of which has already been pledged from private sources and some of which is being sought from government sources.

As the College becomes one unified campus, plans call for the lower level of the Wright Library to house two top programs: Graphic Communications Design and Interior Design. The library space itself will feature pod study areas, a portable language laboratory, an information literacy and presentation room, and media screening facilities. In addition, wireless technology and software-enabling communication and instruction will be available to all library users.

Leave your mark in honor of a graduate or current student, in memory of a loved one or in recognition of a milestone in your life – just to name a few of the reasons to donate. Bricks are \$100 each if purchased by May 31, 2008; after that date, bricks will be \$125 each. To order and for detailed instructions on messaging for your personalized brick, you may go online to www.laroche.edu/bricks, or you may call 412-536-1088 to obtain an order form.

As La Roche College moves to one campus at 9000 Babcock Boulevard, the term "East Campus" will become obsolete. More frequently, you will hear people refer to our primary location in McCandless Township as the La Roche College Main Campus. Our satellite locations at the Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry Woods, Cranberry Township, Pa., and at the Lawrence County Learning Center in New Castle, Pa., will remain unchanged.



The Alumni Board

La Roche College boasts wonderful graduates, and we are truly fortunate to have a group as illustrious as this representing our college. Their credentials speak for themselves, and we wanted you to meet these terrific volunteers who give so much of their time, talent and energy to help reach out to various communities on behalf of La Roche.



Top Picture - First row, left to right: Cecilia Astarb, Carol Marsiglio, Mary Eury. Back row, left to right: Dana Brandi, Natasha Hazelwood (Board Vice President), Bryson Thornton (Board President).

Bottom Picture - First row, left to right: Kurt Mulzet, Sandra Mervosh, Lonnie Nolker. Back row, left to right: Monica Merrell, Jennie Roth (Board Secretary), David Salai.

Missing: Jeff Anderson, Anne Crawford, Kristina Dice, Don Dietz, Thomas Patrick DiGiorgi, Jason Fedorek, Anne Louise Feeny, Jim Holtzman, Mary Michalek, William Aaron Mickens, Elizabeth Morgan, Jeff White.

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Alumni Board Profiles

Jeffrey J. Anderson '83 (Bachelor's Degree in Sociology)

Current Job: Vice President of the August Wilson Center for African American Culture, Pittsburgh
Home: Resides in Steubenville, Ohio

Cecilia D. Astarb '90 (Bachelor's Degree in Psychology)

Family: Husband, John Astarb, Bachelor's Degree '89
Current Job: Owner of KJC Travel and Daly Care Associates, which provides at-home care for the elderly and the handicapped in the North Hills of Pittsburgh

Dana M. Brandi '07 (Bachelor's Degree in Marketing)

Current Job: Currently employed at RIDC of Southwest Pa.
Home: South Hills of Pittsburgh

Anne Crawford '85 (Master's Degree in Human Resource Management)

Family: Married with one daughter
Current Job: Working at Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield as Director, Medicare C & D Compliance Officer; serves as board president of Sojourner House MOMS and board member of Sojourner House
Home: O'Hara Township, Pa.

Kristina Dice '07 (Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice)

Current Job: Now works for a financial services company
Home: North Hills of Pittsburgh

Donald J. Dietz '94 (Master's Degree in Human Resource Management)

(Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy from Duquesne University in 1981)
Family: Wife, Linda Sobien Dietz, Master's Degree '00 BS '92 and three sons
Current Job: Vice President and co-founder of Pharmacy Healthcare Solutions, Inc., a healthcare consulting firm based in the North Hills of Pittsburgh
Home: North Hills

Thomas Patrick DiGiorgi '99 (Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design)

Current Job: Self-employed – Thomas Patrick Consulting, a sales and marketing firm
Home: Chicago

Mary G. Eury '92 (Master's Degree in Human Resource Management) (Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from California State Fullerton)

Family: Husband, Robert Eury, and four grown children
Current Job: Semi-retired and serves as the communications chair and board member of the North Hills AAUW and teaches religious education at her church
Home: Hampton Township, Pa.

Jason E. Fedorek '97 (Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design)

Family: Wife, Amy Michelle Friel Fedorek, BA '95 and two children
Current Job: Realtor for Coldwell Banker Real Estate Inc.
Home: North Hills of Pittsburgh

Anne Louise Feeny 1978/1983 (Master's Degree in Human Resource Management)

(Bachelor's Degree in Administration & Management)
Current Job: Owner and manager of The Transition Institute, which focuses on improving an organization's practices and operations. Established Billy's Boots, a non-profit organization to help children discover their true purpose and build their best lives and careers
Home: Pittsburgh

Natasha Polas Hazelwood '03 (Bachelor's Degree in Professional Writing)

(Minors: Marketing and Communications)
Vice President, Alumni Association Board
Family: Husband, Bradley Hazelwood
Current Job: Manages the Center for Diabetes and Endocrine Health at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh
Home: North Hills of Pittsburgh

James J. Holtzman, CFP, CPA '96 (Bachelor's Degree in Administration & Management)

Family: Wife, Laura and one daughter
Current Job: Financial Advisor for Legend Financial Advisors, Inc. in the North Hills of Pittsburgh
Home: Pittsburgh

Carol O'Leary Marsiglio '75 (Bachelor's Degree in Sociology)

Family: Widowed 1978
Current Job: Retired from North Hills Passavant Hospital in 1995. Past adjunct faculty member in sociology at La Roche College. In June 2007, completed a two-year term as president of the "Sea Larks" at Memorial Park Presbyterian Church in the North Hills of Pittsburgh
Home: Gibsonia, Pa.

Monica Adams Merrell '01 (Master's Degree in Human Resource Management)

Family: Husband, Bill Merrell

Current Job: Owner of Merrell Business Solutions, a professional consulting firm that provides partnership for businesses to identify and resolve issues that waste resources, disrupt operations or inhibit growth. Also, president and majority owner of Vesta Construction Services, Inc., which specializes in hardscapes and outdoor construction.

Director of The Zonta Club of Washington County, Pa.

Home: Washington County, Pa.

Sandra L. Mervosh, SPHR '91 (Master's Degree in Human Resource Management)

Current Job: President of Venture Graphics Inc., adjunct assistant professor at Point Park University and member of SHRM and Zeta Tau Alpha

Home: Pittsburgh

Mary Michalek '82 (Bachelor's Degree in Psychology)

Family: Widowed 1999. Husband was the late Bernard Michalek, La Roche College faculty member. Three children and eight grandchildren

Current Job: Volunteers at UPMC Passavant Hospital and the Pleasant Valley Shelter, Pittsburgh; teaches Sunday School and volunteers at church

Home: Gibsonia, Pa.

W. Aaron Mickens '86 (Bachelor's Degree in Administration & Management)

Current Job: Vice President of Corporate Support for Three Rivers Youth, Pittsburgh

Home: Pittsburgh

Elizabeth Morgan '77 (Bachelor's Degree in Graphic & Communication Design)

Family: Two children, Emily and Garrett

Current Job: Employed at Mercyhurst College in the Department of Athletics

Home: Erie, Pa.

C. Kurt Mulzet, Esq. '75 (Bachelor's Degree in History and Religious Studies) (Master's Degree in History from Catholic University of America) (Juris Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh)

Family: Wife, Kimberly Dutt

Current Job: Senior Associate at Jones, Gregg, Creehan & Gerace, LLP

Home: North Hills of Pittsburgh

Lonnie Nolker '06 (Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education)

Current Job: Fifth grade teacher at Saint Bonaventure Parish School in Glenshaw, Pa.

Home: North Hills of Pittsburgh

Jennie Roth '06 (Bachelor's Degree in English Language and Literature)

Secretary, Alumni Association Board

Current Job: Federated Investors, Inc., writes for the North Hills Monthly Magazine and volunteers on the planning committee of the annual Global Problems, Global Solutions Conference at La Roche College

Home: North Hills of Pittsburgh

David Salai '03 (Bachelor's Degree in Administration & Management and Computer Information Systems)

Family: Wife, Pam Schrim, BS '03

Current Job: Financial analyst for the Radiology Department of UPMC Presbyterian

Home: North Hills of Pittsburgh

Bryson W. Thornton '04 (Bachelor's Degree in Communications Design and Marketing)

President, Alumni Association Board

Current Job: Currently in his second year as a member of the corporate communications department at Del Monte Foods, Pittsburgh. Serves as Publicity Chairman for the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and is a member of the PR Committee of Pittsburgh Young Professionals

Home: North Hills of Pittsburgh

Jeffrey A. White '01 (Bachelor's Degree in Administration and Management with a minor in Computer Information Systems)

Family: Wife, Nicole Valeriano White, Bachelor's Degree '02

Current Job: Payroll Manager for Radiology at UPMC

Home: Glenshaw, Pa.

No Matter Where You Live, You Can Be Part of the Alumni Team!

Most of the La Roche College alumni who serve on the Alumni Board live in the Pittsburgh area, which makes going to meetings convenient. But, even if you live across the country, you can be part of an alumni team that helps further the mission of La Roche College. The newly formed Alumni Recruitment Team, part of the Alumni Ambassadors, is a joint effort of the Admissions Department and the Office of Alumni Affairs. The team was formed so that La Roche graduates can share their positive experiences with prospective students.

"We believe our graduates hold the key to helping future students learn more about the whole college experience they'll find at La Roche," said Tom Schaefer, Ph.D., associate vice president of Academic Affairs, who also oversees the Admissions Department.



Members of the Alumni Recruitment Team will perform a range of duties, from providing input to the Admissions Department about recruitment methods to visiting college fairs in their region and talking with students who want to learn more about La Roche.

"Our alumni are the best examples of what a La Roche education can do for you in the real world," said Rose Woolley, director of Alumni Affairs. "Who better to talk about the success they've obtained than our graduates themselves?"

The personal interaction that prospective students will have with La Roche alumni is one of the features of the new recruitment program, Dr. Schaefer noted, pointing out that choosing a college is a very personal decision and hearing what it's like from someone who's been there makes a big difference.

"La Roche is about personal interaction, and you see that here in the way our students and faculty interact, and in the way a smaller campus helps all students find a place to make their own path to the future," he said. "Our alumni can affect a student's college career by taking this opportunity to get involved, to talk one-on-one with a young person who's about to enter the most exciting phase of his or her life."

In the coming weeks, the Admissions Department will be reaching out to alumni and asking if they would like to be part of the team. Letters will direct alumni to log on to a special area on the College's website. From there, alumni who are interested in helping will complete a short form, and they will be contacted by an admissions counselor who serves their part of the country. Those who can't wait can go to www.laroche.edu/art and fill out the form now.



Two New Trustees Join La Roche



Two new members were elected to the La Roche College Board of Trustees at the board's fall meeting. The new trustees, Teresa G. Petrick and Don Canterna, bring significant expertise in their fields to the board, and the College community welcomes them as they lend their guidance and support to the College and its mission.

Don Canterna

President, Flow Technology
Lake Geneva, Wis.

Mr. Canterna has served as an officer of SPX Process Equipment and segment president of its Flow Technology unit since August 2005. SPX Process Equipment of Delavan, Wisconsin is a leading, global manufacturer of fluid handling, processing, mixing, and blending equipment for the automotive, food and beverage, chemical, pharmaceutical, and other industries.

He joined SPX in 2001 when SPX acquired United Dominion Industries, where he had served as general manager of United Dominion's Waukesha Cherry-Burrell division since 1997. Waukesha Cherry-Burrell is a leading supplier of process equipment for the food, beverage, sanitary and industrial markets. He was promoted to president of Waukesha Cherry-Burrell in 2001 and was named president of SPX Process Equipment in 2003.

Prior to joining SPX, Mr. Canterna held positions with Westinghouse Electric and Nabisco. He holds a bachelor's degree in general engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.



Teresa G. Petrick

President, UPMC Passavant
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ms. Petrick has been president of UPMC Passavant since 2002. She has successfully integrated the hospital's Cranberry and McCandless campuses and has forged a strong collaborative relationship with the hospital's Board of Trustees and medical staff. One of her primary goals has been the implementation of a strategic vision that would create cardiac and cancer services centers of excellence at UPMC Passavant, positioning the hospital for future growth and the ability to meet the health care needs of the communities the hospital serves. She has focused on engaging the workforce in an environment of respect, professionalism and dynamic change.

After earning her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Pittsburgh, Ms. Petrick earned her master's degree in public management – with a concentration in health care management – from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh. She serves on several boards, including the Northern Allegheny Chamber of Commerce, the Advisory Board for The Kearns Center, the Board of ERMI (Emergency Resource Management, Inc.) and HC Pharmacy. She also has served as a member of the McKeesport Area School District Planning Committee.

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Pictured, left to right: John Arnold, Chase Rowe and Michael Arnold

Arnold Brothers 13th Annual Outing

The 13th Annual Arnold Brothers Annual Charity Golf Event at Pittsburgh North Golf Club in Bakerstown, Pa., drew more than 60 golfers and raised close to \$4,200. The outing is sponsored by brothers John Jr. and Michael Arnold in memory of their beloved father, John Arnold Sr.

"I'm sure dad is proud to know that old friendships have been maintained and new ones established – all in his name and all to benefit the local community," Michael said

The brothers initiated the golf event in 1995 as a tribute to their father, whose wife Dottie has been a College employee since 1985. Although she retired in 2006, she still works one day a week as a receptionist at the main information desk in the Zappala College Center. Through Dottie, John Sr. formed a longstanding relationship with the La Roche community, and his business brought him to campus, as well, furnishing the science laboratories with casework and equipment. Upon John's death at age 64, memorial gifts were directed to the John Arnold, Sr. Memorial Fund at La Roche College, which provided scholarships. Because John's sons were involved in North Hills athletics programs, they established the golf tournament to further pay tribute to their father.

"Directing the funds towards athletics seemed right, specifically the renovation of the baseball field, because dad's greatest passion was coaching baseball for the Ingomar Athletic Association throughout the 1970s," John Jr. said. "The baseball field at La Roche was renamed to honor our father and was dedicated April 26, 2002."

Funds raised by the Arnold Brothers Golf Event continue to benefit the baseball program; close to \$75,000 has been raised since 1995.

This year's winning foursome, from Hilb Rogal & Hobbs, was comprised of golfers Paul Malone, Jim Patton, Jerry Bergman and Greg McMillan.

Mark your calendars now for the 2008 event at Pittsburgh North Golf Club on Saturday, Oct. 11. Watch www.laroche.edu for more details on the outing, and come out for this great cause that pays tribute to a great man.

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La Roche Class Notes

1970s

SISTER LINDA LALIC, CDP, BA '70, spent the summer of 2007 living in Mainz, Germany, where the Sisters of Divine Providence were founded in 1851 by Bishop Ketteler and Mother Marie de la Roche. Being a German professor at Duquesne, she spent time catching up on what's new or what has changed in Germany. She earned her master's degree in 1973 from Duquesne University, in Pittsburgh.

MARK YANKO, BS '79, and his wife, Narisara Yanko, celebrated the birth of their first child, Nathan Richard, on April 20, 2007.

1980s

BARBARA BOZ, BS '80, launched an original 12-piece StyleNaturale line of jewelry through QVC last year. Since then, she has expanded the collection to include 40 stores around the world. She lives in the Detroit, Mich., area. (See Page 4 for more on Barbara.)

LINDA DUDJACK, Ph.D., BSN '80, works as Vice President of Patient Care Services and as the Chief Nursing Officer at UPMC Northwest in Pittsburgh. She oversees all functions of the nursing department, which includes more than 250 registered nurses and other clinical staff.

KENNETH R. EBEL, BS '87, recently retired as General Supervisor of Operations at L.T.V. Steel Railroad, which has its corporate headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, and as General Supervisor at Ohio Central Railroad System.

PEGGY HENKEL EDDENS, MS '87, is Executive Vice President and Director of Human Capital Management at WSFS Financial Corp. She oversees all aspects of human capital management, training and leadership development for the company.

MARY RITA WORDEN HURLEY, BSN '84, is the Chief Knowledge Officer for Sigma Theta Tau International, which is the second largest nursing organization. It boasts more than 130,000 active members in more than 90 countries world wide.

JEANNE PANZA, DMD, BS '86, recently joined the Oral Diagnosis and Radiology faculty at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in Oklahoma City.

MICHELLE GLIVIC SYSKA, BS '85, is currently a stay-at-home mom. She earned her master's degree in 1996 from Carlow University in Pittsburgh.

1990s

IREN CHARPENTIER, BSN '90, is currently living in the Portland, Ore., area and is working at Regence Blue Cross/Blue Shield as a Medical Coordinator. She obtained the CCM (Certified Case Manager) designation in October 2006.

LINDA HEY, MSN '97, is currently a Nurse Practitioner on the emergency department staff at UPMC Shadyside Hospital and UPMC Passavant Hospital, both in Pittsburgh. She is certified as an instructor in ACLS, emergency nursing and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Emergency Nursing Association and American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

KIMBERLEE HUSAK, BA '99, is currently employed at UPMC's Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic as a psychiatric social worker. She earned her master's degree in social work in May 2007 from the University of Pittsburgh.

GREGORY J. PANZA, BS '93, works as the MainStreets Program Manager for the Mount Washington Community Development Corporation in Pittsburgh. He manages business district initiatives, among other duties.

NANCY MATHEWS PASTORIUS, BSN '91, is currently the Chief Operating Officer of UPMC Northwest's 160-bed Sugar Creek Station. She oversees a workforce of 180 staff members who provide skilled nursing and rehabilitative care.

MICHELE MAXWELL REUSS, MS '91, has been Vice President of Human Resources for Giant Eagle supermarkets in Pittsburgh for the past three years. The company is the largest supermarket chain in the Pittsburgh region and has more than 35,000 employees. Michele, her husband, Larry, and family reside in the Plum Borough, Pa., area.

PATRICIA A. RUPERT, BSN '93, an Army Major, was activated for future deployment to an undisclosed overseas forward operating base in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She was assigned to Fort Dix in Trenton, N.J.

LES STEARNS, BS '94, received his MBA from Florida Metropolitan University, Pinellas Campus, Clearwater, Fla. He is currently living in New Port Richey, Florida, with his wife and 2-year old son.

2000s

SARAH BEAUCHAMP, BA '02, is currently teaching English at the Deer Lakes High School in Russelton, Pa., and is pursuing her master's degree in education. She is a member of the Pittsburgh Passion women's football team, which competes in the rapidly expanding National Women's Football Association and won the national championship during the 2007 season.

Alumni News Form

MATTHEW BROCKWAY, BA '04, is currently teaching reading at Dorseyville Middle School in the Fox Chapel (Pa.) School District. In addition, he coaches middle school boys' soccer. He married fellow La Roche classmate, Michelle Miller, BA '01, in June 2006.

ERIKA REYELL KANE, BA '04, married fellow La Roche alumni, Keith Kane BS '04, in 2005. On Oct. 22, 2006, they became the proud parents of Kasey Patrick Kane. Erika currently serves as a licensed customs broker working for A.N. Deringer, Inc. in the Regulatory Affairs Division.

RYAN MCBRIAR, BS '06, is teaching language arts at the Middle School in the Corry Area School District, in Corry, Pa. He is engaged to Amanda Britenbaugh.

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VICTORIA LYNN BERDNIK, BA '96, MS '98 served as the 2007 Secretary for Amen Corner Charities. In November, she was sworn in as only the second female president of The Amen Corner in its 138-year history. She currently works at Lamar Advertising as the Real Estate Coordinator. She also volunteers and is involved with more than 18 non-profits and organizations.



Keep in Touch

Alumni who send us their business cards will receive a La Roche College luggage tag. It's our way of saying thank you for keeping in touch.

Send your cards along to:

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CAMPUS CLIPS



La Roche College Named to “Best Northeastern Colleges” Third Consecutive Year



La Roche was one of 222 outstanding colleges and universities recommended by The Princeton Review to college applicants in the new 2008 edition of the book, “Best Northeastern Colleges,” published recently and used by many prospective students to review their college choices.

Comments from surveyed students pepper the book’s narrative profiles of each college.

Academically, La Roche was viewed as a college where students could receive a “personalized education” and where smaller class size “is ideal and

has really allowed me to succeed.” Other student positives, according to survey quotes, included the opportunity to volunteer in the community and the plentiful activities found on campus, as well as the proximity to the City of Pittsburgh for various events.

“The schools in this book all have excellent academic programs. We chose them from several hundred Northeastern schools we considered based on institutional data we collect about the schools, our surveys of students attending them, and our visits to schools over the years,” said Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s vice president, Publishing. “We also worked to have a wide representation of colleges in the book by size, selectivity, character and locale.”

Carleton Varney Visits Pittsburgh



The annual Design Dialogue Series, sponsored by La Roche College and the Interior Design Advisory Board, brought one of the most respected and well-known designers in history to Pittsburgh on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the Senator John Heinz

Pittsburgh Regional History Center. New York City-based designer Carleton Varney shared his knowledge of the design business and talked about being part of one of the longest-running design empires, Dorothy Draper & Company, Inc., as well as what it takes to make it in the industry. All proceeds from the event benefited the Interior Design Program at La Roche.

Attending the Varney lecture are, left to right: Mary and Ashley Solomon (wife and daughter of Kerry Solomon, who serves as a member of the Interior Design Advisory Board); Trustee and La Roche Interior Design alumna Kathryn Jolley; Chair of the Board of Trustees Kathy Kozdemba; and President Sister Candace Introcaso. Ashley has been accepted to La Roche’s Interior Design Program.



Calling all Alumni!

One of our most important and meaningful fund-raising efforts of the year is the annual La Roche College Phonathon. Between Feb. 16 and Feb. 28, La Roche College students will be calling alumni and friends to reconnect and request

support for the 2008 Annual Fund Campaign. If you receive a call, please take the opportunity to find out how things are going on campus, reminisce about your favorite moments as a student, or hear what has changed since you last visited campus. Students truly enjoy hearing your experiences during these calls, and we appreciate your support! If you have any questions, please contact annualfund@laroche.edu.

LRC Now on the Road Via New Sticker

Graphic & Communication Design (GCD) alumna and La Roche staff member Krisna Poznik ('05) recently designed a bumper sticker that’s now appearing on a car or SUV near you. The “LRC” sticker is a take-off on all of those great beach stickers that make cars stand out in a parking lot. Now you can show your La Roche College pride by visiting the College Book Store and getting one of your own for only \$4.95. Or, go to www.laroche.bkstr.com and order one online! (Tip: If you don’t like putting a permanent decal on your car, you can put the decal on a magnet sheet and cut it out. Then, you can move it on and off of your car whenever you like.)



NASAD Accreditation Granted to Design Programs

The National Association of Schools of Arts and Design (NASAD) notified La Roche College that the bachelor of science in Graphic & Communication Design, bachelor of science in Interior Design and bachelor of arts in Film, Video and Media have been approved to continue in good standing with this important accreditation. The College’s next full review will be during the 2014-2015 academic year.

In announcing the news, Howard Ishiyama, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and chief academic officer, thanked the many people at La Roche responsible for the successful accreditation, particularly Dean of the School of the Professions Alex Gregory, Professor and Chair of the Department of Graphic & Communication Design, Professor and Chair of the Department of Interior Design Nicole Bieak Kreidler, Professor and Chair of the Department of Film, Video and Media Jeff Ritter and their faculty members. Dr. Ishiyama also credited former dean of the School of the Professions Wendy Beckwith for her contributions during her time at La Roche.

La Roche College Calendar of Events

Please join us for these upcoming events. All are open to the public, unless otherwise noted. Phone numbers also are provided for your reference. For more information and to learn about other timely events added after press time, please visit our website at www.laroche.edu and click on Upcoming Events on the homepage.



Open House Events:

Graduate Studies & Adult Education Programs

Keepp putting off finishing a bachelor's degree or earning a master's degree because it never seems like the right time? Now is the right time. Find out about our certificate, bachelor's and master's programs –

our admissions counselors will help you choose a schedule that fits into your lifestyle. More classes are being offered online, too, so call for more information at 412-536-1262. It's time to invest in yourself. For Lawrence County and Cranberry Woods locations, please call 724-741-1034.

- **Thursday, March 13 • 4 to 6 p.m.**
Zappala College Center
Main Campus, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh
- **Thursday, April 3 • 4 to 6 p.m.**
Cranberry Woods Campus, Regional Learning Alliance
850 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, Pa. 16066
- **Wednesday, April 23 • 5 to 7 p.m.**
Lawrence County Learning Center
131 Columbus Innerbelt, New Castle, Pa. 16101



Spring Open House:

Undergraduate Programs

This is a great time of year to visit La Roche! Our annual Spring Open House provides an opportunity for students to meet with faculty, admissions counselors and financial aid representatives, tour the campus and

take a look at the all-suite residence halls. All attendees are treated to a complimentary lunch in the Zappala College Center. You can call for more information at 412-536-1272 or toll free 1-800-838-4LRC.

- **Sunday, April 27 • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
Zappala College Center,
Main Campus, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh



Second Annual Summer Nursing Institute

Students in 8th, 9th and 10th grade who are contemplating a nursing career can learn about the many rewarding opportunities that are possible in the health care field. This program is a combination of classroom instruction and clinical experience. The cost of

the program is \$25, and enrollment is limited to 20 students. Registration will be open through Friday, May 16. Students may register by e-mailing lynette.beattie@laroche.edu, by calling 412-847-1808 or visiting our website.

- **Tuesday, June 24, through Friday, June 27**
La Roche College and UPMC Passavant
Babcock Boulevard, McCandless Township, Pittsburgh



Flights of Fantasy:

La Roche College Dance Theatre at the Byham

The talented members of the Dance Theatre will take center stage in the heart of Pittsburgh's Cultural District once again. Enjoy this presentation of the company's first full-length ballet, "Cinderella," as well as

Artistic Director Gerard Holt's original work – "Scarlet Woman of the Bible: Delilah." Additional faculty work will be presented by the Dance Theatre. Pricing and ticket information to be announced.

- **Wednesday, April 16 • 7 p.m.**
The Byham Theater
101 Sixth St., Pittsburgh

Especially for our Alumni

- **Alumni Reception for HRM Graduates**
We're planning an April gathering for graduates of our Human Resources Management master's degree program. Watch the web for more details!
- **Alumni Reception in the Nation's Capital**
April is the time for cherry blossoms in Washington D.C., and we're scheduling an April reception for D.C.-area alums! Details are being firmed; watch the web for more information!
- **Night of Comedy**
6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 30
For Marketing and Graphic & Communication Design Students and Alumni
Join us for a fun evening of laughter and camaraderie as comedians from The Funny Bone Comedy Club, Pittsburgh, take to the stage following a reception prior to the show. The final roster of talent was being compiled at press time.
Zappala College Center
Main Campus, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh
- **Workshop and Luncheon**
Saturday, May 17
For Theta Mu members, nursing alumni and the public
Earn continuing education credits by attending this workshop. Invitations will be sent to La Roche alumni.
Zappala College Center
Main Campus, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh
(The public is invited to attend this event.)
- **Alumni Luncheon**
Last year's "Doubleheader," a lunch for alumni in May and a baseball game in June, will be repeated this year. Keep your eyes on the ball ... er, mailbox, as we finalize details for this year's speaker and location for lunch. We guarantee that it's going to be a real treat! Followed by ...
- **Alumni Dinner and Pittsburgh Pirates Ball Game**
5 p.m. Saturday, June 21
Dinner Venue: TBD
Watch Sister Candace throw out the first pitch as the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the Toronto Blue Jays at PNC Park. All attendees will receive a Roberto Clemente Commemorative Plate. What a great time we had last year! Please join us for a great night out at the greatest ballpark in America!



Saturday, April 12, 2008

6:00 p.m. • Carnegie Music Hall
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Ad Lucem Award Winner
The Howard Hanna Family

Special Invocation by
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