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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Friends:

I am so happy to bring you our campus news in this new format and with a new name, *The Torch*. For many years the college newsletter, *The STAC Summary*, provided you with an abundance of news on a variety of topics. We'll

still be doing that, but we want to bring the focus in tighter on our alumni and how you are doing in your life with a St. Thomas Aquinas College education.

The Torch for many years was the title page for the insert of the newsletter that pertained to alumni news. As we have grown to more than 10,000 alumni in just over 50 years, it is important that we recognize that growth in our alumni base.

In this edition you will find articles on our alumni and our students. You'll get news about opportunities for you to return to the college for a graduate degree, an evening seminar, or a special event.

You'll find a handy coupon in each edition, just like before, but this one will provide you with the opportunity to obtain more information on the college's growing graduate programs and it will give you the chance to recommend a prospective undergraduate student – and as we grow we've begun to see many of our own alumni sending their own children off to STAC!

We hope you enjoy this new edition of *The Torch*. Please give us your feedback. Please use the enclosed envelope to send in your comments along with the coupon, and of course if you would like to make a donation to the College's STAC Fund, we'll be happy to count you among our blessings!

Best Wishes

Dr. Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, S.C.

THE SULLIVAN THEATRE

Sullivan Theatre, one of the original constructs on campus, is set to undergo an extensive renovation in Spring 2006.

The Theatre will continue as home to the Laetare Players, but the latest renovators will "upgrade and update" the lighting and staging areas to better accommodate student and alumni performances.

"I'm very excited that the Laetare Players will be getting a new home. A renovated theatre will serve our students involved in performing arts. We're looking forward to inviting our alumni to Sullivan Theatre next Fall,"



Sullivan Theatre

said Dr. Even Matthews, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of the Laetare Players and STAC Singers.

STAC APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEE



Thomas L. Thayer

Thomas L. Thayer, Director of Sales, Discrete Manufacturing Vertical at the Hewlett Packard (HP) Company in Paramus, NJ, has been appointed to the College's Board of Trustees. Prior

to joining the Board Mr. Thayer served on the College's President's Council.

Mr. Thayer is responsible for new business pursuit sales of strategic outsourcing engagements for the North American marketplace. He came to HP in 2003 after working 24 years in different capacities at several AT&T companies. His last AT&T position was as Client Partner at AT&T Solutions.

Mr. Thayer holds a BA degree from DePauw University (IN), an MBA from Indiana University, and is working on a DBA at Golden Gate University (CA).

On The Cover: Dr. Evan Matthews, Assistant Professor of Music, discusses plans for the Laetare Players in front of the Sullivan Theatre.

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STAC HONORS THE KERINS, SR. ADELE MYERS, O.P.

This fall, approximately 250 friends, family, and colleagues attended St. Thomas Aquinas College's Annual Tribute Dinner at the Hilton Pearl River. A highlight of this year's dinner was a silent art auction consisting of donated artwork from 25 area artists. At the formal dinner dance, the College bestowed the Aquinas Medal upon John and Kathleen Kerin, and the Founders Award upon Sr. Adele Myers, O.P.

In 1997, Mr. Kerin joined the College's Board of Trustees and is currently serving



Dr. Margaret Fitzpatrick, S.C., is flanked by Sr. Adele Myers, O.P., recipient of the 2005 Founders Award and Dr. Carl Rattner, Professor of Art at St. Thomas.

as Chairman. He retired in 2000 as Senior Vice President of Technology for the McGraw-Hill Companies after 20 years of service. His community activities include serving as President of the Board of Trustees for Friends of Springhouse for Women, Inc. and as a member of the Board of Directors for Finlay Enterprises. Mrs. Kerin is presently an assistant teacher for St. Alban's Pre-School. An accomplished musician, she has worked closely for over 20 years with the Messiah Lutheran Church's Director of Music, participating in workshops, working with children using music, and accompanying the choir. She is also a past volunteer with the Literacy Volunteers of America and the Passaic County Girl Scouts of America.

The Founders Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the College's motto, "Enlighten the Mind Through Truth," and salutes tireless dedication to the founding ideals and values that continue to inspire the College community today; Sr. Adele Myers, O.P. was this year's recipient.

Sr. Adele is well known in Rockland County. For 38 years, she taught art at the College and served as chairperson of



Recipients of the 2005 Aquinas Medal John and Kathleen Kerin.

the art department. In 1976, she founded and served as director of the highly acclaimed Thorpe Intermedia Gallery, an independent nonprofit gallery devoted to contemporary art and artists, until its closing in 1991. Over the past several decades, her work has been exhibited steadily throughout the tri-state area and has enjoyed wide critical acclaim.

Proceeds of the event benefit students via the Margaret Kerin Crucetti and the Sr. Adele Myers Scholarship Funds.

STAC WILL INDUCT 10 INTO 2006 HALL OF FAME

On Friday, January 27, 2006 the College Community will assemble at Dolce/IBM Executive Conference Center in Palisades, NY to attend the 9th Annual Alumni Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner in celebration of the inductions of our newest Alumni Hall of Fame members.

The College and the Alumni Association will induct Maureen P. Kelleher, '63, Peggy A. Scarano, O.P., '70, Norman J. Huling, Jr., '83, Jean M. Santora, '77, Bernard J. Nicolosi, '86, and Victoria C. Strayton, '87.

The newest honorary members of the Hall of Fame will be Mr. & Mrs. Jerome & Maxine Belson and Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Donna Riley who will be honored with the 2006 Spartan Award!

Please join us on January 27th to congratulate all of the 2006 honorees! For more information contact The Office of Institutional Advancement at 845-398-4020.



2005 Hall of Fame Inductees with Dr. Fitzpatrick (center).

CLIMBING THE LADDER WITH AN MBA

“Where do I see myself?” is a question that often plagues students as they are beginning a program. Conversely, Esther Sygal began to ask herself this as she was approaching the end of the MBA program at St. Thomas Aquinas College.

Esther graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas College with a Business Administration degree in 2002. Upon graduation, she immediately enrolled in the Master of Business Administration at St. Thomas. Esther chose St. Thomas’ MBA program because the small classroom setting allowed for professors and students to get to know each other.

“The smaller classrooms allowed for each student to be more easily recognized, as opposed to getting lost in a crowd among hundreds of students,” she said. As a graduate student Esther wanted the same type of personalized attention she received as an undergraduate at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas’ MBA classes are offered on either Friday evening, Saturday morning, or Sunday morning - each class meeting for nine sessions. The program provides

students with the option of choosing among Finance, Marketing, Management or a self designed concentration. Students with prior undergraduate or graduate work can have up to 24 credits waived. Full-time students can complete the remaining 36 credits in one year, but the majority of the students, like Esther, are working professionals who pursue an MBA part-time.

Esther worked full time while attending her MBA courses, first as a Financial Services Rep at Met Life Financial Services. In 2004 she started at Innovatix, which provides high quality group purchasing and consultative services, located in Manhattan.

Esther was recently promoted to Manager of Customer Service at Innovatix. She credits her ability to move up within the company to the combination of her degree and professional experiences.

“We’re continually looking at changes that can help our MBA students, who are almost all working professionals with little free time,” said Alan Colsey, a



Esther Sygal

graduate of the program and the MBA Director at St. Thomas.

Occasionally, a week night class is offered based on student demand and the college will be offering some classes online in the future.

“If we can maintain the content quality of the experience, we’ll see if we can reduce the amount of time a student has to travel to campus.”

MBA SHINING STARS

Kathy Barra

Finance
Executive Assistant
to the Chairman and CEO
Innodata Isogen, Inc.
Hackensack NJ

Daria Castagna

Finance
General Accountant
TAL International
Purchase, NY

Tom Donegan

Finance
Associate Director, Global Logistics
The Reader’s Digest Association, Inc.
Pleasantville, NY

Jeanette Geller

Management
Assistant Professor
Computer Networking Department
Rockland Community College
Suffern, NY

Aldo Pizzoli

Finance
Financial Systems Analyst
Hospital for Special Surgery
New York, NY

Les Vixama

Marketing
Market Business Consultant
Designated Supervisory Principle
Allstate Insurance Company
New York, NY

START ON AN MBA NOW!

The Master of Business Administration program’s quarterly offerings allow individuals to start classes at a time convenient for them. The four quarters begin in September, December, March and June of each year.

“Our unique schedule design gives students the choice of starting at four different times. It also enables students to take more classes a year, enabling them to finish their MBA more quickly if they choose to,” said Alan Colsey, Director of the MBA program

The next quarter, Quarter III, starts on Friday, March 3rd, with the last day for registration on Wednesday, March 1st. For information about the MBA program and an application packet, contact the Office of Admissions at (845) 398-4100.

M.S.T. CAN HELP CAREER SHIFTERS

Pamela D'Apice graduated from Siena College in 2002 with a marketing degree and began her career as a media buyer. After three years, she shifted gears and began as a substitute teacher in Rockland County, "just to get a feel for teaching."

Pam enjoyed her teaching time and entered St. Thomas Aquinas College's Master of Science in Teaching program for childhood and special education, in 2005. The M.S.T. program is primarily for individuals, like Pam, who hold an undergraduate degree in a major other than teacher education, but would now like to pursue a career in teaching at the elementary or secondary level.

"I chose St. Thomas to get my teaching certification because it came highly recommended as a very prestigious, well-respected college," Pam related.

Pam is a graduate assistant for the Education Resource Center (ERC) on campus. She also acts as the liaison with her M.S.T. cohort and the teacher education faculty. As liaison she is available to



Pamela D'Apice

answer her classmates' questions and informs them of the deadlines that need to be met. She also continues to substitute for the North Rockland School District when her schedule allows. Upon finishing the program Pam hopes to land a teaching position in Rockland County. She is confident that her M.S.T. will pave the way for future success in the classroom.

"St. Thomas has a strong reputation for placing qualified student teachers. The schools know that when STAC students come to teach they are prepared."

For more information on the M.S.T., the M.S.Ed., or the post masters certificate programs in education, contact the office of admissions at 845-398-4100 or complete the coupon in this edition of *The Torch*.

M.S.T. IS THIS WOMAN'S ROAD HOME...



Camille DeLeon with Sr. Joan Beairsto, O.P., Director of Graduate Education

Camille DeLeon graduated from Nyack College with a degree in psychology in 2003. At that time she knew she wanted to go on for her masters in teaching and began her search for the ideal program. St. Thomas Aquinas College's Master of Science in Teaching is primarily for individuals who hold an undergraduate degree in a major other than teacher education, but would now like to pursue a career in teaching at the elementary or secondary level. Camille knew this program would help her get home.

When she met Sr. Joan Beairsto, O.P., STAC's Director of Graduate Education, and settled on her 15 month course of action, she was satisfied with her graduate choice.

"Few programs are as compact, affordable, and conveniently located as STAC's M.S.T.," said Camille.

Camille works as a graduate assistant in STAC's Education Resource Center while pursuing her degree. As a teenage daughter of missionaries stationed in Guatemala, Camille wants to return to the same region and put her teaching skills to work.

"Guatemala and its people made a profound impact on me. I'd like to earn my degree, and begin teaching there right away. I'm hoping to make a difference."

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NEW AFFILIATION WITH ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

This fall, St. Thomas Aquinas College and St. John's University entered into a new alliance. Now, highly academically talented upper class undergraduate students at St. Thomas will be able to take graduate courses within the Graduate Division of St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Eligible students will be invited to take graduate courses in library science, biology, English, history, Spanish, mathematics, computer science, sociology, or theology and religious studies. These courses will be credited towards both the student's undergraduate degree at STAC and graduate degree at St. John's.

A contingent of administrators from St. John's University visited the STAC campus to join with Dr. L. John Durney, STAC's VP for Academic Affairs, to sign the articulation agreement.

This articulation joins several others that



Dr. Julia Upton, RSM, Provost at St. John's University, and Dr. John Durney, Provost/VP for Academic Affairs at St. Thomas Aquinas College, shake hands after signing the alliance agreement permitting qualified undergraduates at STAC to take graduate courses within St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

STAC has initiated over the last decade, such as the doctor of physical therapy program with New York Medical College for STAC biology majors and the dual

degree programs in engineering with Manhattan College and George Washington University for STAC mathematics majors.

AMAG EXHIBITS: VISUAL FEAST FOR THE EYE



"Mad Pollution 2003" by Patrick Binns

St. Thomas Aquinas College's Azarian-McCullough Art Gallery (AMAG) opened its sixth season with great aplomb with a show by Charlotte Schulz titled "Inside the Monad." "Bound - Unbound: Artist's

Books and Related Installations" followed, highlighting the work of Johanne Renbeck. The final fall exhibit titled "Figuratively Speaking" included narrative carved wood vignettes by Ruth Geneslaw.

The first spring exhibit, "Urban Playgrounds," will highlight the photographic works of Patrick Binns and begins January 22nd. His camera focuses upon the discarded remnants of once thriving urban and industrial environments.

Barbara Rachko's exhibit "Domestic Threats," (2/26-4/2) is a series of pastel-on-sandpaper paintings using Mexican folk art - masks, carved wooden animals, paper mache figures, and toys - in a lively blend of reality and fantasy.

The final exhibit (4/9-5/7) will feature Karen Edelmann's "Italian Windows," which depicts her unforgettable trip to Italy.

The gallery is open free to the community. Call the AMAG Director, Dr. Carl Rattner at 845-398-4195, for gallery hours and special reception dates.

CLUBS FOSTER STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

College life is more than attending classes; campus organizations are also an integral part of the educational process. St. Thomas' clubs, organizations, and committees reflect the interest of students in politics, religion, athletics, service to campus and community, professional fields, and a variety of special activities, social and otherwise. They enrich the student's total experience and contribute to the development of a well-rounded individual, like the Council for Exceptional Children and the Therapeutic Recreation Club.

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is an international organization

dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities. During the spring semester, the St. Thomas Student Chapter 1155 collected new books from individuals and companies. When the semester ended, a group of CEC members and their advisor, Dr. Peggy Nelson, Associate Professor of Education, donated the books to the Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center's library. The Director of Education at the Rockland's Children's Psychiatric Center, Augustus Young, gladly accepted the books and the CEC members offer to work during the summer to organize the library to make possible easy access to the materials.

The Therapeutic Recreation Club, which was established this past year, advances the educational development of students majoring in therapeutic recreation outside the classroom while providing services that are necessary for personal and professional growth. Under the guidance of Dr. Linda Levine Madori, Associate Professor of Recreation and Leisure Studies, the club members raised enough funds through various fundraising activities to enable 18 students to attend this year's New York State Therapeutic Recreation Association Conference.

SPARTAN VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Student, radio D.J., writer, and volunteer are a mere few words to describe Kevan Ottochian.

The junior social science major is an active member of the St. Thomas Aquinas community. As the secretary for the Spartan Volunteers, Kevan takes pride in being able to get involved outside of the classroom, while helping individuals in need.

"I really enjoy seeing people who are helped by our efforts. That's rewarding," Kevan related.

The Spartan Volunteers are the largest student organization on campus. In September, the Spartan Volunteers raised money to support a staff member's family devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The volunteers have an English as a second language program in which students, such as Kevan, teach English to children of recent immigrants. This matches up nicely for Kevan who will earn certification to teach grades 7-12.

Midnight Runs once per month are commonplace on the STAC campus. A

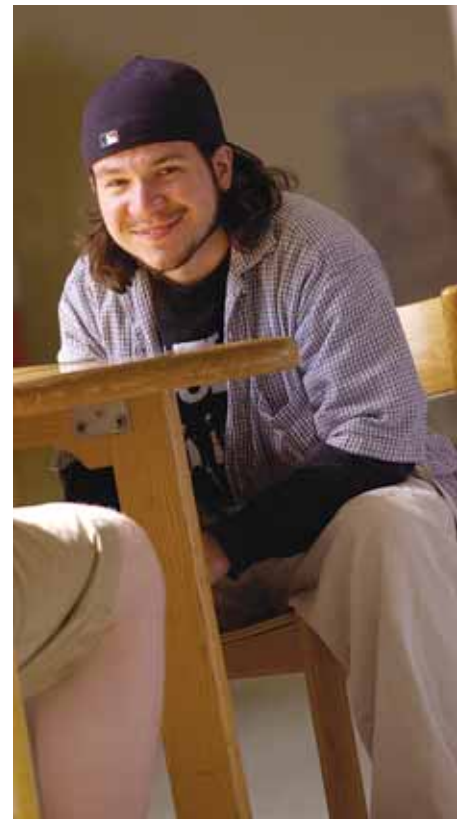
group of students, along with a staff member, trek into New York City to help the homeless by providing meals, supplies and conversation – all organized by midnightrun.org.

Visiting senior citizens at neighboring Dowling Gardens and raising money to support the Habitat for Humanity projects are also on the Volunteers' agenda.

"More and more students are becoming involved in the Spartan Volunteers and their many projects and sub-committees because, like Kevan, they want to give back to the community. I am rewarded by the dedication of these young men and women. They are our future," said Sr. Madeleine Murphy, O.P., the College's director of volunteer services and campus ministry.

Kevan simply enjoys the experience and is humbled by the attention.

"We're a team. Every member of the Spartan Volunteers plays a key role in at least one of our projects. It's amazing just how much work we can do as a team."



Kevan Ottochian

4TH ANNUAL FACULTY RESEARCH RETREAT

“Politics, Poetry and People” was the theme of the fourth annual Faculty Research Retreat held at Jeronimo Resort and Conference Center in Walker Valley (NY). The intent of the retreat was to provide constructive criticism. The presented material is ‘in-progress’ and not yet accepted for publication.

The Retreat has fostered pedagogical innovations within and scholarly activity outside the College. It has also helped the faculty promote STAC’s reputation as a place where students have the privilege of being taught by professors engaged in current research.



Dr. Nikolas Papavlassopoulos

FACULTY RETREAT PRESENTERS

- **Dr. Augusto Casas**, “Impact of Information Technology in Retirement Planning for Americans in the 21ST Century”
- **Dr. C.J. Churchill**, “Treating the Subject: Links between Sociological Ethnography and Psychoanalytic Therapy”
- **Dr. Linda Levine Madori**, “How to Keep the Brain Healthy through Therapeutic Recreation”
- **Dr. Evan Matthews**, “Observing Flow Experience in Music Learning Contexts”
- **Dr. Nikolas Papavlassopoulos**, “The Politics & Policies of Oil”
- **Dr. Jon Roberts**, “Miklos Radnoti: Translating Modern Hungarian Poetry”
- **Dr. Robert Schelin**, “Millard Fillmore”
- **Dr. Michael Shaw**, “Teaching Thoughtful Literacy to Readers Who Struggle: Emerging”



Dr. C.J. Churchill

HONORS STUDENT GETS THE JOB DONE!

When Marissa Fremont began at STAC four years ago, she knew she wanted to get involved on campus. Now, as president of the student government association and chair person of the college’s chapter of Midnight Run,



Marissa Fremont

Marissa is a full time recruiter as she looks to replace herself with a few more volunteers.

“We have so many resources, so many ways to get involved.”

Open to high-achieving high school graduates, the Honors Program includes a choice of any one of our 31 majors with the opportunity to attend a summer session at Oxford University in England following the junior year. Many honors courses have an interdisciplinary focus and are team-taught by the College’s most accomplished faculty members. Special sections of freshman English are followed by seminar-style courses in a variety of subjects.

The Honors Program prepares students for advanced study by helping them

understand connections between seemingly unrelated academic disciplines and by fostering a love of independent, life-long learning. In addition to the full-tuition scholarship covering all classes taken at St. Thomas Aquinas and the summer session at Oxford, benefits of the program include transcript and diploma recognition for Honors work and the opportunity to participate in off-campus co-curricular activities.

“I’m proud to be a part of something bigger. The Honors Program has provided me with the opportunity to get involved, and giving back is something I feel an obligation to do.”

Marissa has already been recruited by KPMG and will begin her life as an accountant in September.

STAC STUDENTS AWARDED KDP SCHOLARSHIPS



Amanda Aiello



Melissa Dittmer

Two students from St. Thomas Aquinas College recently received scholarships from Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in teacher education. Melissa Dittmer and Amanda Aiello were respectively awarded the Vince McGrath Scholarship and the President's Scholarship from KDP. Scholarships are awarded based on active membership in Kappa Delta Pi, strong academic performance, and an entrance essay.

"This is very competitive. Our two students who won were competing with undergraduate and graduate students from the United States and abroad. We can be very proud of them," said Dr. Gwen Sussman, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education and co-counselor, along with Dr. Helene Robbins, to St. Thomas' local chapter.

Dittmer of Garnerville (NY), whose essay "Infinite Possibilities in Education" won the Vince McGrath Scholarship, is a senior majoring in childhood education

and special education. Dittmer is an active participant in campus organizations, works as a substitute teaching assistant, and teaches a weekly religion class.

Aiello, also of Garnerville (NY), winner of the President's scholarship for her essay "Key Skills and Passions of a Good Teacher", is a senior majoring in childhood education and special education. She is a member of the Committee for Science Inventions and Technology at North Rockland High School, is involved in an after school science program in the district and additionally works as a substitute teaching assistant.

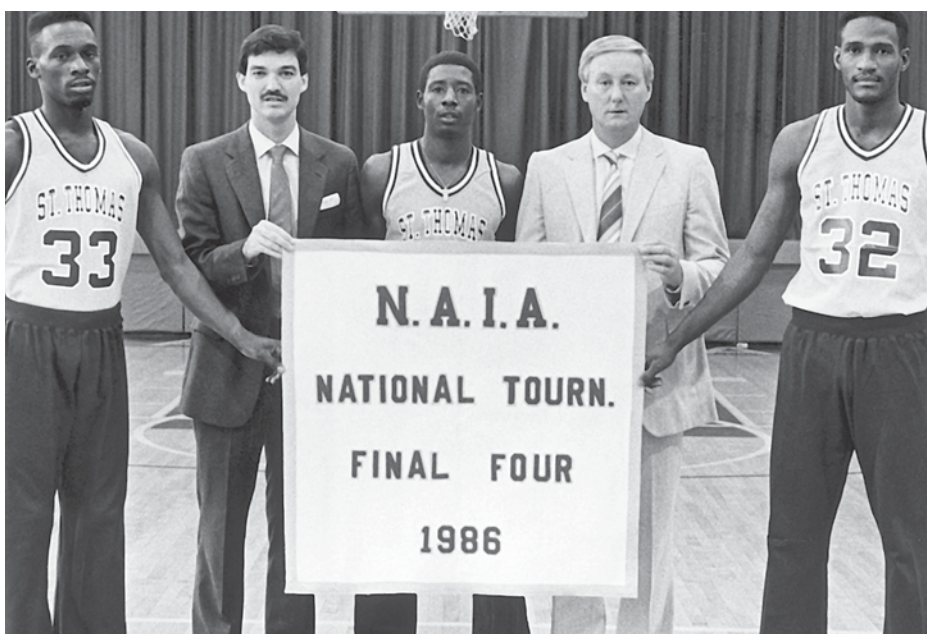
Amanda and Melissa are co-presidents of Rho Lambda, the local chapter of Kappa Delta Pi. They are active members in Alpha Chi, a general honor society, and Kappa Mu Epsilon, a mathematics honor society, on campus. Moreover, both young women are active members in the Council for Exceptional Children.

SALUTE THE 1986 FINAL FOUR

The St. Thomas Aquinas College Athletic Department will honor the '85 - '86 Men's Basketball Team that made it to the 1986 NAIA National Championship Tournament Final Four. The current Spartans will play L.I.U. C.W. Post in Aquinas Hall on January 28, 2006 and the salute will take place during half time of that game.

The team, coached by Dave Possinger, is the only team to advance to a Final Four in STAC's athletic history. The '85 - '86 team was led by first Team All - American James Carter. Carter went on to represent Puerto Rico in the Olympic Games. He played in the 1992 Games against the USA Dream Team that featured Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson.

For more information about the celebration on January 28th, please call Norman Huling at 845-398-4068.



1986 Spartan Basketball Team. From left to right: Sam Bligen, Assistant Coach Norman Huling, Ken Robinson, Coach David Possinger, Curtis Washington.

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Dr. Steven Burns, Associate Professor of Chemistry, attended this year's American Chemical Society National Meeting in Washington, D.C. He was a member of a focus group that discussed the future of chemistry textbooks. He also served as a grader of AP Chemistry exams this June.

Dr. Neerja Chaturvedi, Associate Professor of History, spoke on the topic of "East-West Global Relations" at the Blauvelt Lion's Club November meeting at Del Arte's Restaurant in Orangeburg.

Dr. Mary Ellen Ferraro, Chair, the Division of the Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Professor of Mathematics, was a grader of AP Calculus exams this June and was honored at the closing ceremonies for her many years of service as an AP grader. She was also selected for inclusion in this year's *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and *Who's Who in America Education*. In addition, she was one of 25 Faculty Athletic Representatives (FAR) from throughout the nation to participate in this year's Inaugural FAR Fellows Institute for the NCAA.

Dr. Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, S.C., President of St. Thomas Aquinas College, was honored by The Rockland Business and Professional Women's Club as *Woman of the Year*. The dinner honoring Dr. Fitzpatrick was held in October at The View on the Hudson, Piermont, NY.

Dr. Meenakshi Gajria, Professor of Education and Chair, Division of Teacher Education, presented a workshop for high school teachers from 12 school districts titled, "Access to the General Education Curriculum for Students with Learning Disabilities: Issues and Effective Practices" at the Forum on Inclusive Practices from Grades 7-12 in June. This event was sponsored by the New York State Higher Education Task Force on Inclusive Schooling.

Dr. Richard Heath, Professor of Psychology and Director of The Pathways Program, was the recipient of the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award from Central Catholic High School in Reading, PA.



Dr. Neerja Chaturvedi



Gerald McCarthy



Dr. Robert Searson

Dr. Xiangping Kong, Director of Institutional Research & Program Development, presented a research paper titled "Using First Year Initiative Surveys to Inform about First-Year Experience" at the Annual Conference of North East Association for Institutional Research in November.

Gerald McCarthy, Professor of English, had his recent poetry appear in the *Hawaii Pacific Review*, *The North American Review*, *Encounter* (Summer 2005), *American War Poetry*-Columbia University Press and *Enskymnt* (an online journal). He also read his poetry at Crane Arts Building/Ice Box Project Space in Philadelphia (PA) as part of a new art exhibit titled "Operation RAW."

Dr. Charles O'Neill, Professor of English, attended a summer seminar at West Virginia University on "Irish Culture and Globalization."

Dr. Colleen Paul, Assistant Professor of Biology, was the lead author on the article "Adenovirus Expressing an NPC1-GFP Fusion Gene Corrects Neuronal and Non-neuronal Defects Associated with Niemann Pick Type C Disease," which was printed in the most recent *Journal of Neuroscience Research*.

Dr. John Rosko, Associate Professor of Biology, was selected a member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at Wyeth-Ayerst Research Laboratories. **Dr. Donald Johnson**, Associate Professor of Physics, was selected as an alternate committee member.

Dr. Robert Searson, Associate Professor of Education and Director of the Marie Curie Math & Science Center, served as co-chair of the New Jersey Science Convention Exhibits held in October. Over 3,000 teachers attended and 250 vendors, science publishers, and equipment suppliers displayed their products at the Garden State Exhibit Center located in Somerset, NJ. The 2005 banquet speaker was astronaut Dr. Sally K. Ride who spoke about "Leadership and America's Future in Space."

Dr. Michael Shaw, Professor of Education, presented a paper titled "The Right to Learn for Readers Who Struggle" at the 2005 International Reading Association Annual Conference. He was also the lead writer for an article in *Reading Today*, "Moving Forward: The Reading Specialist as Literacy Coach." Furthermore, Dr. Shaw was involved with the 10th Annual Storytelling Festival entitled "Everyone Has a Story to Tell," that was held in October in Haverstraw, presented through the partnership of the Rockland Teacher's Institute and St. Thomas Aquinas College among others.

Dr. Clara Toth, Assistant Professor of Biology, attended the 105th annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology that was held in Atlanta, GA.

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NEW FACULTY, STAFF

Samira Allen has been appointed **Assistant Director of Annual Giving & Alumni Affairs**. She worked several years at Child Care Resources of Rockland, Inc. and is currently program administrator of Leadership Rockland, Inc. She holds an undergraduate degree in English/Literature from Ramapo College of New Jersey.



Samira Allen

Dr. Ellen Chayet has been appointed **Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice**. Dr. Chayet has extensive experience in the field of criminal justice as a researcher, consultant, educator, and most recently as Production Director, Senior Editor, Associate Editor, and Contributing Editor of Criminal Justice Press in Monsey (NY). She earned a BA in Sociology from Queens College, CUNY, a MA in Sociology from Northeastern University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (MA), and a Ph.D. in Social Policy from Brandeis University.



Dr. Ellen Chayet

Dr. Dawn Jackson has been appointed **Counseling Psychologist**. Dr. Jackson is a licensed psychologist who has significant experience working with the college population. She holds a BS degree in Management from Johnson & Wales University, a MS degree in Counseling from the University of Wisconsin, and a Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from Rutgers University.



Charles Pryor

Charles Pryor has been appointed **Director, Student Activities**. He accrued significant student life and residence life experience and most recently served as Director of Campus Activities and Orientation at Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids (IA). He holds an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering Technology and a Master's of Professional Studies in Human Relations from New York Institute of Technology.

Robert Vermilyer has been appointed **Assistant Professor of Computer Science**. For 18 years, Dr. Vermilyer worked at Franklin University in Columbus (OH). As Chair of the Computer Science Department for 14 years, he helped build the computer science program and in 2004 was promoted to Vice President for Technology. He earned a BS in Mathematics from Grand Valley State College (MI) and a MS in Computer Science from Michigan Technological University and Ph.D. in Computer Science from Nova Southeastern University (FL).

The following people have joined the college community: **Elisa Encarnacion '04** as **Admissions Counselor**, **Patrick Lambert** as **Director of Facilities Management**, **Christine Markham** as **Director, Clinical Experiences**, and **Elizabeth Nicholson** as **Library Assistant**.

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Dr. Linda Levine Madori, Associate Professor of Recreation and Leisure Studies, has been awarded a Senior Specialist Fulbright Scholarship. In 2007, she will be teaching at the Victoria University in Melbourne, Australia and Waikato University in New Zealand.



Dr. Linda Levine Madori

SPOTLIGHT: MICHELE PHILLIPS

Michele Phillips graduated from STAC in 1987 with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Arts and she earned a Masters Degree in Organizational Development/Adult Education from Fordham University.

Michele owns a professional training and development company, Key Seminars, and speaks throughout the country. She is certified in 25 different programs to include peak performance management and leadership skills training. With over 17 years of sales, management, organizational development and training experience, she brings a unique and aggressive perspective on the relationship between revenue generation, customer loyalty and personal development.

Today Michele is dedicated to helping organizations maximize their most precious resource, their people. Michele specializes in teaching success and motivation techniques to employees to aid in aligning individual potential with corporate strategy. Each program is designed to maximize individual performance, and can be customized to meet organizational goals. Michele's boundless energy grabs her audience, and her can do attitude is delightfully infectious. Even better, her message is so practical that it can be applied and utilized immediately.

Michele attended a large university and felt lost. She transferred to STAC during her sophomore year. She credits STAC as a "stepping stone" in her educational and professional career. Michele enjoyed the dedication of her professors as they helped her feel like a part of the STAC community.

Michele is the current president of the Rockland Business Women's Network, a



Michele Phillips

member of the National Speakers Association, The National Association of Self-Esteem, and Toastmasters International. In 2002 Michele received the prestigious 40 Under 40 Award for her outstanding business practices and recently was featured on numerous national radio programs and in *Women's World Magazine* as the expert on creating positive habits. Michele can be visited at www.keyseminars.org.

—Samira Allen

Job Search for Alumni

STAC's Career Services Office recently announced a new service for students and alumni as they search for a first time or new professional position.

Visit www.stac.edu/stulife/careersrv.htm and find the NACELink login box. Click on "register for the first time," and create your personal account with St. Thomas Aquinas College's special link to online job listings.

Once registered alumni can search for jobs; create and save resumes and cover letters to send to employers through this system; update your resume for specific employers; and apply for jobs through the system or off-line.

STAC's Career Services can critique your resume, provide interview preparation, and offers a variety of seminars. For additional help with the service or similar questions, contact Career Services at (845) 398-4065.

ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS VISIT HIGH SCHOOLS

Alumni from all walks of life can be positive role models for high school students as STAC recruits the next class of achievers. The Alumni in Admissions Program is one that enlists the help of our alumni as we endeavor to visit over 1,000 high schools and community colleges during the academic year.

Alumni can represent the College at their alma mater or at another high school in their community. Each year the admissions staff attempts to visit high schools that have traditionally sent students to STAC - and there are always conflicts. Two out of every five represen-

tatives at College Nights are graduates of the colleges represented and not admissions counselors. Building a network of interested alumni will help the College grow by extending the Admissions staff into the ranks of the alumni. The Admissions staff can visit with interested alumni, and once a date is set, the admissions office will mail a box of materials for the College Night. The time commitment is usually only two hours - the return on investment, priceless!

Please complete the coupon in this edition of *The Torch* or email sallen@stac.edu.

'62

Grace M. Barnett, O.C.D.S., Ph.D. began working as a school counselor at St. Peter's School in Riverside, NJ in February 2005. She continued working as a school counselor at St. Charles Borromeo School in Cinnaminson, NY and continued a small adult practice as a counselor/therapist. In July 2005, Grace and her husband became the happy "parents" of a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy, Teddy!

'66

Kathleen M. (Lyden) Howe was promoted to Religion Department Chairperson at Red Bank Catholic High School.

'74

Libby Klein and husband Seymour became proud grandparents of Ashley Grace who was born in April 2005. Libby has almost completed writing a mystery novel and turned 75 years old in October.

'75

Kevin P. Duignan, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at the College has been named the Chair of the Development Committee on the Board of Directors of All Hallows High School in the Bronx, NY. Kevin is a 1969 graduate of All Hallows.

'76

Dianne Benoit relocated to Point Pleasant, New Jersey two years ago with her 15 year old twin daughters, Molly & Hanna. Dianne took over an established florist shop and learned the business from the previous owner and is keeping very busy with local and corporate business. Dianne won the "Best In Ocean County" floral design competition during her first year doing business.

'77

Mary E. Siegel, Ph.D. announces the publication of her new book: *Are You Really Listening – Keys to Successful*

Communication. Mary and Paul J. Donoghue, Ph.D., are both psychologists in private practice in Stamford, Connecticut. They are also consultants to corporations and organizations in the United States, Canada and Europe. Their work has been featured on the CNBC and Good Day New York, The Today Show, and in The New York Times.

'78

Br. Michael Harlan, OFM was recently appointed to serve as Secretary for the Provincial Administration of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province (East Coast). In his new position, he will be involved in the day-to-day operations of the Province based in New York City (Manhattan) for over 400 Franciscan friars serving colleges, urban ministry centers, parishes, the missions, and a wide variety of social ministries reaching out to the very poor in our society. Br. Michael left Siena College at the end of July, following nine years of service as Campus Minister and Director of the Franciscan Center for Service and Advocacy. He returns to Manhattan where he began his journey as a Franciscan, 24 years ago!

'80

Barbara (Sullivan) McConnell is a Senior Vice President for DeLeeuw Associates in East Hanover, NJ. Her husband Eugene and she have 3 sons – Danny (13), Tommy (10) and Patrick (6).

Nancy Mirsky spent five weeks in Morocco participating in a short term seminar for teachers sponsored by a Fullbright-Hays Grant last July. She currently teaches French and Spanish at Lincoln High School in Yonkers.

Elizabeth Mylod retired for the 2nd time from Nursing in December 2004. Elizabeth and husband are blessed with 7 grandchildren.

'83

Felicia Palermo is living in sunny Florida and working as a realtor with All Florida Realty Services in Daytona Beach.

'84

Regina (Weigold) McGrade is a Production Manger at Media Works at IBM Global Headquarters in Somers, NY. She oversees the production of text/graphics for major corporate proposals and presentations.

'86

Lucille Benoit retired from school nursing and is now living in Valrico, Florida with her husband Donald. Lucille and Donald will be married 51 years in January 2006 and have 11 grandchildren.

'88

Jane (DeNoyelles) Anderson and her husband, Jim, welcomed their third child, Thomas Donald Anderson, on June 29, 2004. Tommy joins sister, Ellen (8) and brother, Martin (11). The Andersons live in Bloomingburg, NY.

In Memoriam

Gunhild A. Schelin passed away in November 2005.

'92

Kristen (Kelly) Hand married Norman Hand on September 3, 2004.

Richard Harrington and his wife Mary Catherine are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Richard David, born on September 25, 2005.

Nicole Myles-Manning completed her Master's in Elementary Education at Herbert H. Lehman College. She is in her fourteenth year as a New York City teacher and continues teaching 5th grade. Nicole and husband Brian have 2 children; Madison (3) and Brian (9).

'93

Lisa Asche accepted a promotion from the Management Team at Cingular Wireless. She has been promoted to Quality Assurance Specialist and has been with the company for 9 years.

'94

Marie-Alanna McKiernan, Esq. and husband Carlos G. Reverte, Ph.D., announce the birth of their daughter, Skye Emilia.

Tanya Viola recently accepted the Director of Guidance position at Croton-Harmon High School in Croton-on-Hudson, NY.

'98

Erin Fitzsimmons is engaged to Edward J. Scott and they plan for an August 2006 wedding. Erin is a member of the Lake Carmel Fire Department and met her fiancée at a fire department function.

Genevieve Juranich, a Reading Specialist at Bardonia Elementary in the Clarkstown Central School District, will be included in the 9th edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

'99

Jennifer Siracusa is engaged to Steven Taylor and plan for an August 2006 wedding. Jennifer is a tenured teacher in the North Rockland School District.

'01

Krista Marzigliano is engaged to Craig Reynolds and plan for an October 2006 wedding.

Melissa Seminara is a correction officer at the Rockland County Jail.

'02

Cherisa (Pereira) Brophy was married to Matthew Brophy on May 29, 2005.

Kacey (Foley) Capen a second grade teacher in Monroe and Graham Capen were married on July 30th, 2005. They are living happily ever after in Suffern, NY.

'03

Melissa McCarthy is engaged to Christopher Brennan and they plan a July 2006 wedding. Melissa is currently teaching.

Alex Soriano and Karla Kwiatkowski are pleased to announce their engagement. The couple is planning to wed in 2006.



Joanna Dionisio '05



Caren Fisher '05



Caitlin Hayes '05



Scott Petrelli '05

'04

Mary Kate Tusinski recently earned National Certification as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS), currently working for the Long Island State Veterans Home at the State University of New York, Stony Brook.

Daniel Welsh is currently doing research in genetics and aquatic life behavior at Bowling Green State University, Ohio. Daniel expects to receive an MS in Biology in 2006 and begin a doctoral program.

In Memoriam

Aline Margaret Filippone '04 of Pearl River passed away July 25, 2005.

Mark Owen Navin '04 of New City passed away September 8, 2005.

'05

Gerard Allen recently accepted a full time position with WMC Mortgage Company in Orangeburg and is the new Assistant Coach of the Men's Spartan Basketball Team here at the College.

'05

Joanna Dionisio is working as a Production Assistant at MSNBC. She accepted the full time position after having done internships there and at CNBC.

Caitlin Hayes is working for the New Jersey Nets as part of the game night operations crew who presents the entertainment for every home game.

Caren Fisher began pursuing her doctorate degree in meteorology on full scholarship at Penn State University.

Scott Petrelli accepted a full time position as a Recreational Therapist at Veterans Administration Home in Paramus, NJ.

Elaina Torrellas recently accepted a position on MTV's "Advance Warning" show as a Production Assistant. The show features new artists and bands that are up and coming mainstream music.



Shannon Sorrentino '05

'05

Shannon Sorrentino is currently teaching fourth grade math and English at Cottage Lane Elementary in Blauvelt, NY.

'05 MST

Karl Ubelhoer and wife Tracey Howard-Ubelhoer welcomed the birth of twin boys, Daniel Patrick & Andrew Cole on July 26, 2005. Daniel and Andrew join big brother Thomas.

CLASS AGENTS SIGNING ON: MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Office of Alumni Affairs is organizing a **Class Agent System** and would like volunteers to serve as the **Chair** for class years.

Many colleges and universities, especially those that operate with a very small alumni relations staff, utilize outstanding alumni as *communication liaisons* to keep other alumni informed and involved. Alumni might hesitate to contact the school if they have moved, changed jobs, or were just curious to know the latest goings-on at their Alma Mater. But they

might feel more motivated (or less intimidated) to contact the class agent because they have much more in common.

Class Agents can devote as little as a few hours each month – and are certainly invited to increase their time as their schedules provide for it.

A Class Agent list will be published in *The Torch*. The names and preferred method of communication (phone, e-mail, or both) will be listed as well.

Class Agents report back to the alumni office on all of their contacts and discuss the appropriate response to any special requests. Agents help set up a network to contact class members about special events at the College.

Class agents can complete the general response form in this edition and mail it in the enclosed envelope. For more information, contact Samira Allen, Alumni Affairs Office, 125 Rt. 340, Sparkill, NY 10976 or call 845-398-4284.

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ALUMNI & FRIENDS TRIP TO BROADWAY

On Saturday, November 5th, 55 alumni and friends went to see *Movin' Out* on Broadway! The Alumni Affairs Office coordinated the event which included round-trip bus transportation from the College and a ticket to see *Movin' Out* for \$55 per person.

The seats sold out quickly, everyone had a great time and enjoyed the show! We are already planning a Spring 2006 Alumni & Friends Trip to Broadway. Look for information in the next issue of *The Torch* (The STAC Summary)!

SPARTAN BASKETBALL STREAMS LIVE

Many STAC alums enjoy following their Spartan teams but are unable to make it to campus for games. On January 28th and February 4th fans will be able to tune in or log on to the Spartans and Lady Spartans webcast, allowing fans to tune in from anywhere in the world.

STAC, with WRCR AM 1300 Radio, will broadcast and webcast three home games this season. On Saturday,

January 28, 2006, the Lady Spartans Basketball and the Spartans, both vs. C.W. Post, will be announced live at 1 pm and 3 pm respectively. On Saturday, February 4, 2006, the Spartans vs. N.Y.I.T. will be announced live at 3 pm.

“We are thrilled to be giving our fans the opportunity to tune into a few basketball games on the radio and the web. The live coverage on the web will allow our

alumni fan base to tune in regardless of where they live. We look forward to bringing Spartan and Lady Spartan Basketball into the homes of our alums,” said Gerald Oswald, Director of Athletics.

Rockland County locals can tune into the broadcasts on WRCR AM 1300. The webcast of the games can be heard at www.wrcr.com from around the globe.

MARKETING YOUR ALMA MATER

Over the last several years colleges and universities have become more sophisticated in how they market their institutions – many even employing Madison Avenue agencies in an effort to better position themselves in the marketplace.

This migration to traditional marketing principles is long overdue for many colleges and universities and is vital for the smaller institutions like St. Thomas Aquinas College.

Since the early 1970s, STAC has developed its image in the market using traditional tools like newspaper and magazine advertisements, direct mail print publications, radio and television commercials, and more recently through online opportunities.

The main thrust over the last decade has been to brand the institution as we seek to increase enrollment over a widening geographic region. In 1995, the McNelis Commons Housing Complex joined Aquinas Village, and in 2005 a new residence hall was added to Aquinas Village – bringing the total residences available on campus to 600.

From 1970 to 1981 commuting range was important. Today, nearly 45% of our undergraduate full time students live on campus and nearly 70% of the 2005 freshmen live on campus.

Enrollment since 2000 has steadily risen and record enrollments have been commonplace over that span. In 2005, the College welcomed over 500 new students at the graduate and undergraduate level.

A well balanced marketing plan provides the foundation for that growth. Key to its success is the execution of that plan across the board. Admissions counselors travel extensively throughout the region, visiting schools from Montauk to Cape May and on up to the Albany region and beyond.

The college offers students a glimpse of the campus with print publications and web sites along with a variety of opportunities to visit the campus in person.

When we bring a family to campus, they receive personal attention and are overwhelmed by the beauty of our campus design.

Since 2000 we have become more sophisticated in our data management as well. We can track our successes in different geographic regions and make decisions about where to return to the following year.

Each mention of the St. Thomas name invokes a response from the people around the prospective student – parents, teachers, friends, and relatives. In 1980, that response was positive within a commuting range. Today, through all we do along the lines of marketing the brand

that is St. Thomas Aquinas College, we believe the response to that prospective student is for the most part, positive. Depending on where they live, it may still invoke a “where is that?” response.

Let us know how we are doing. Mention your alma mater the next time you speak with a high school student and you might let us give it a try by sending us the contact information for that student. We'll reinforce your enthusiasm and they'll have another option as they contemplate their future. Thank you in advance.

Achieve Your Goals At St. Thomas Aquinas College

Change comes from the inside Out At St. Thomas Aquinas College we're ready to help you change. Making the most steps can be difficult, but it doesn't have to be. We'll set an appointment for you to meet with a counselor who can discuss your plans, provide you with a professional admissions decision, help you with financial aid, provide you with a host and get you started on your path to making your dreams.

Whether you are a new freshman or a student considering transferring, these steps are not only just for you, to help you take the next step.

St. Thomas Aquinas College is a 50 year young, fast growing, liberal arts college that offers over 60 different majors, minors, specializations or dual degree programs. You can get started this fall with a new program: Criminal Justice, Business Administration, Graphic Design, Art Teacher Education, Communication.

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Upcoming Events

WINTER 2005

FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

JANUARY

TBA Financial Aid Workshops For
2006 Applicants.
Financial Aid 398-4097.

Campus Tours
Prospective students.
Admissions 398-4100.

14 Basketball
Spartans vs. Bridgeport 3pm
Lady's vs. Bridgeport 1pm

18 Basketball
Spartans vs. Queens 7:30pm
Lady's vs. Queens 5:30pm

22 - Feb. 19
New AMAG Exhibition: Patrick
Binns, "Urban Playgrounds"

24 Basketball
Spartans vs. Adelphi 7:30pm
Lady's vs. Adelphi 5:30pm

26 Basketball
Spartans vs. Molloy 7:30pm
Lady's vs. Molloy 5:30pm

27 Hall of Fame & Reunion Dinner
IBM Executive Conference Center
Palisades, NY

28 Basketball
Spartans vs. C.W. Post 3pm
Lady's vs. C.W. Post 1pm
(see the story on page 9)

FEBRUARY

4 Basketball
Spartans vs. NYIT 3pm
Lady's vs. NYIT 1pm

7 Basketball
Spartans vs. Dowling 7:30pm
Lady's vs. Dowling 5:30pm

13 Basketball
Spartans vs. Mercy 7:30pm
Lady's vs. Mercy 5:30pm

FEBRUARY

22 Basketball
Spartans vs. New Haven 7:30pm
Lady's vs. New Haven 5:30pm

MARCH

8 Dining Etiquette 5:30pm
for Alumni and Students

8 Mock Interview Program
for Seniors 1-4pm
Professional dress, resumes and
pre-registration required.
Career Services 398-4067.

29 Alumni/Student Networking
"Life After STAC" Dinner.
Career Services 398-4067.

TBA: Trip To Broadway.
Alumni Affairs 398-4284.

APRIL

5 Annual Job Fair 2006 10am-2pm
Career Services 398-4067.

11 Honors Convocation

22 Defensive Driving
\$22 per person
Alumni Affairs 398-4284.

23 Undergrad Open House 11-3pm
Admissions 398-4100.

MAY

6 Annual Alumni Day on Campus
BBQ

12 2006 Commencement

JUNE

5 34th Annual Golf Tournament
The Rockland Country Club



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845-398-4020 for more information concerning any event.

STAC FALL ATHLETES HONORED BY CONFERENCE

The STAC Spartans and Lady Spartans continue to receive accolades from the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference for their performance on and off the field.

TRACK

Senior **Tim Morgan**, the 2004 NYCAC Male Cross Country Runner of the Year, was twice named NYCAC Male Runner of the Week. Morgan ran off at an outstanding pace for the 2005 season. He placed third at the NYCACC Championships. The team placed fourth overall in the conference meet. On the women's side, junior **Kelly Bauer**, a 2004 All NYCAC performer was also named conference Runner of the Week this season.

GOLF

The Spartan Golf Team continued to play outstanding this fall. The team was rated number one in the NCAA Northeast Region. This ranking is decided by head to head competition with the other NCAA Division II schools in the Northeast. STAC finished second at the ECAC Fall Championships, first at their own Spartan Invitational held at Grossingers, and second at the Dowling Pine Hills Invitational. The team will also play in the spring to defend their NYCAC Championship for the fifth straight year.

SOCCER

Coach Graham Brown's soccer team is plays in one of the toughest NCAA Division II conferences in the country. The team was led by outstanding goal-keeper sophomore **Sean McEnery**, mid-fielders senior **Doug Henery** and junior **Lukasz Hausner** and forwards freshman **Jon-Michael Nabais**, who was named Rookie of the Week, and sophomore **Steven Ocampo**, who was NYCAC Player of the Week.

The women's soccer team also played in a tough conference but, they won the games they need to win. The women were led by high scoring forward sophomore **Kim Griffith**, a NYCAC Player of the Week and defender senior **Tania DiCiollo**. Griffith was second in the NYCA in goals and points.



Kim Griffith '08

TENNIS

Women's Tennis, coached by Vincent Ceci, was a very young squad. The top four singles players were either freshmen or sophomores. Freshman **Caroline Gizzi** was the number one singles player. Sophomore **Ashley Bass** played in the number two singles spot. Bass and doubles partner sophomore **Jen Edlund** made history by winning their first round match at the NYCAC tournament, a first in STAC women's tennis history!



Tim Morgan '06

LADY SPARTANS IN CANCER WALK

The STAC women's basketball team walked in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5-Mile walk for the 10th straight year. The walk is held every October in New York City's Central Park. The entire team, along with STAC staff members Eileen Mastrovito, Laura Carney, Janet Kopac, and Joyce Irizarry, has made this an annual event. The group has raised over \$30,000 for this very important cause.





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Prospect Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Something New? Have you accepted a new position, been promoted, started a new venture, married or added a new member to the family? We'd like to know. Please take a moment to share your good news with us.

Have an idea for *The Torch*? We'd like to hear your suggestions. Please call us at (845) 398-4020 or e-mail your ideas to alumni@stac.edu

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At

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